Palace tells PCGG: Get Marcos money at all cost

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PLDT told to explain phone sex service

ANO'NG HOTLINE BA YAN AT PAWIS NA PAWIS KA?

WHAT used to be a hotline for Joe D' Mango's advice on relationships is now reportedly a "hot line" for phone sex. And Transportation and Communications Secretary Leandro Mendoza wants the Philip-

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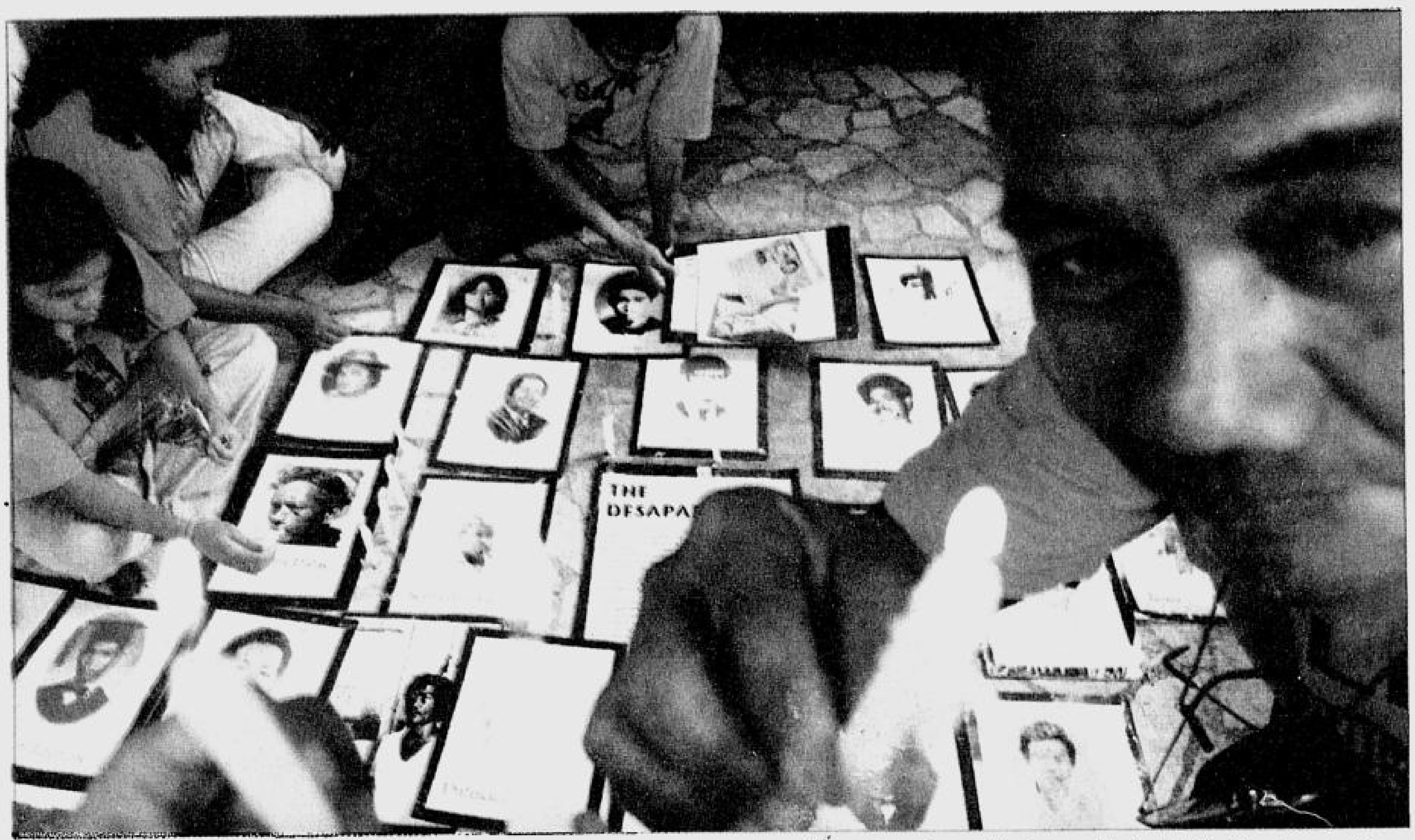
'Coup plots good for GMA'



SO FONDLY remembered: The disappeared and the dead, victims of the torment of the martial law era are honored in Quezon City by their families who are still crying out for justice on the eve of the 31st anniversary of Proclamation No. 1081 as decreed by Ferdinand Marcos on Sept. 21, 1972. JOAN BONDOC

Destabilization rumors make President more popular–Angara

REPORTS of alleged destabilization plots, which Malacañang itself has confirmed, are actually helping jack up the popularity rating of President Macapagal-Arroyo, opposition leader Sen. Edgardo Angara said yesterday.

Angara, president of the biggest opposition party, Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, said reports of the supposed plots were not doing any good to the election chances of members of the political opposition because the more rumors of such plots were floated, the more the President became popular.

He said he came to this conclusion upon noting that Ms Macapagal's rating in public opinion polls enjoyed a surge after the quelling without bloodshed of the July 27 mutiny at the Oakwood Premier building in Makati City.

Angara made the comment on Ms Macapagal's ratings being jacked up by alleged destabilization moves when asked why opposition leaders were now more inclined to field a single candidate in the 2004 presidential election.

"Reports of destabilization are not doing any service to the political opposition," he said at the weekly media forum at the Sulo Hotel.

"That's why I'm asking all adventurists Left and Right to stop," he added. "Let us challenge this administration through an election because that's how the people want it done."

Pulse Asia surveys conducted in April and August showed an overall approval rating of 51 percent for the President's performance—a gain of 6 percentage points from 45 percent in April. Public trust in her was also higher in August than in the second quarter—44 percent versus 38 percent.

"At least part of the improvement in the President's performance and trust ratings may be attributed to the swift and peaceful resolution of the Oakwood incident…" Pulse Asia said.

The government had previously charged that opposition figures were behind the failed mutiny that was mounted by some 300 soldiers seeking the President's resignation. But the opposition has denied this.

Ricardo Saludo, deputy spokesperson for the President, also earlier quoted a military intelligence report as saying that lingering destabilization attempts were emanating from forces outside the military.

But Gen. Narciso Abaya, Armed Forces

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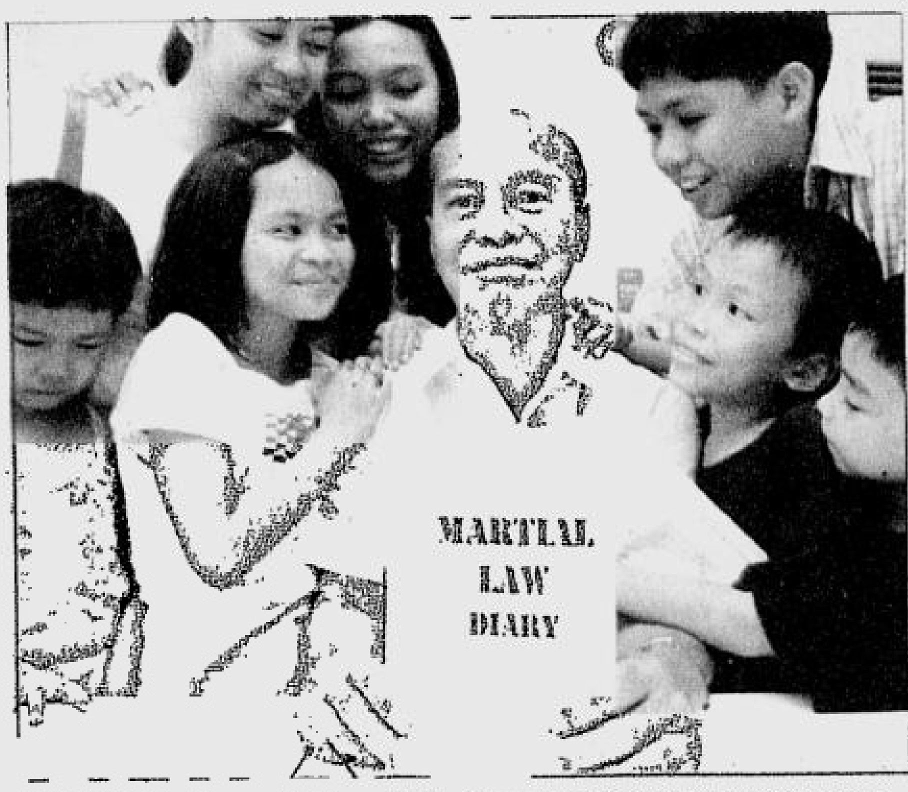
Book warns of history repeating itself



JOAN BONDOC

DEDICATED to his grandchildren, the book by retired Navy Capt. Dan Vizmanos launched on Saturday is an account of the iron rule of Marcos.

Martial Law Diary rues youth's ignorance, amnesia of elders

By Volt Contreras

THE IGNORANCE of the young and the amnesia of their elders.

To Danilo Vizmanos, a retired Navy captain, this dreaded combination is allowing history to repeat itself—and Filipinos to be drawn back into martial law conditions.

It's also the warning written between the lines of his latest book, which collects both his views and factual accounts of the iron rule imposed by his then commander-in-chief-turned-jailer, the dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Vizmanos chose early retirement from the military shortly after Marcos declared martial law in 1972.

His reason: "My incompatibility with an Armed Forces that [Marcos had] converted into a huge private army and oppressive instrument of dictatorship."

At 74 still an active leader of the militant movement, Vizmanos launched his "Martial Law Diary" yesterday, the eve of the 31st anniversary of the start of Marcos' iron rule. The project, he said, was prompted by the observation that "today's youth know almost nothing about martial law."

"In my speaking engagements, like the one I had [Friday] before political science students at that [major university in Quezon City], they know nothing, nothing about it," Vizmanos told the INQUIRER at the launch held at the Popular Bookstore in Quezon City.

He said he was also particularly alarmed by a piece by INQUIRER columnist Rina Jimenez-David, which reported that because of the youth's "frustrations and desperation over corruption in society, many are favoring martial law."

And even among the older set who

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Mangyan school tops in literacy program

By PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

SAN JOSE, Occidental Mindoro—A Mangyan school that promotes an indigenous people's education has received the prestigious "Most Outstanding Literacy Program" award from the non-formal education division of the Department of Education.

The regional recognition makes the five-year-old Paaralang Mangyan na Angkop sa Kulturang Aalagaan (Pamana Ka) a major contender for a national award.

Mangyan is the collective term for at least seven groups of indigenous tribes living in the island of Mindoro. They engage in slash-and-burn agriculture, supplemented by hunting, trapping , inland fishing and gathering. The Mangyan tribes are highly literate groups writing in ancient scripts similar to those of the Tabanua in Palawan.

But more than that, the recognition is significant because it virtually rewrites the history of the Mangyans of Mindoro, said the school's director, Sr. Aristea Bautista of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

"It gives recognition to what the Mangyans can achieve [despite] being looked down on by society," said Bautista.

The Mangyans are happy that, with this recognition of Pamana Ka, a new story is written about them, not the usual stories of being abused, exploited and discriminated against, she said.

The awarding was held on Friday at the 2003 Literacy Week celebration in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, which had for this year's theme "Functional Literacy: A Tool for Poverty Alleviation and National Solidarity Towards a Strong Republic."

The five-year-old Pamana Ka, located in Sitio Danlog in Occidental Mindoro, is a special school that dispenses an indigenous education rooted in the culture and

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Dead dog honored with 6-day wake

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—A dog much loved by her human family is being given a send-off worthy of someone so treasured: a week-long wake before burial in a glass-covered coffin in the backyard of the family home in the Gonzaga Subdivision in Bacolod City.

Miko Yamasaki was no ordinary dog. She was an international champion and thus deemed worthy of a "proper" burial.

Right now, Miko is lying in state in the living room of her master, Gunichi Yamasaki, who lives in the Gonzaga Subdivision. She is laid out on a white blanket in a 3 ft by 2 ft glass-covered white coffin surrounded with flowers.

Miko was a 6-year-old—42 in human years—Shih Tzu. She died on Monday from bleeding caused by premature breeding.

Shih Tzu means "lion dog" in Chinese and the breed is so named because of their long, flowing mane-like coat.

Shih Tzus make for sturdy, lively toy dogs. They have a distinctively arrogant carriage with heads held high and tails curving up the back. They may seem arrogant but are actually playful and gentle.

Yamasaki, a 49-year-old Japanese businessman, said he had her embalmed at the Alisbo Funeral Homes so she can be buried at the new home in another subdivision here that he and his family will be moving into on Saturday.

"Best of Breed" reads the ribbon decorating the small coffin.

Surrounding the coffin are the trophies and ribbons that Miko won at prestigious dog shows in Japan. The pictures show her as a furry ball strutting her good looks, with her hair done up in ribbons.

Miko's two children and 11 other Shih Tzu relatives and friends were at her "wake" yesterday.

Yamasaki said he would have

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REQUIEM for one man's best friend, Miko, a 6-year-old Shih Tzu, an international champ in her lifetime, is cuddled by Arrisa Yamasaki. PDI VISAYAS BUREAU

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The Western sections of Luzon and Visayas and the whole of Mindanao will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Palace to PCGG: Get the money

By Juliet Labog-Javellana, Dona Pazzibugan and Michael Ubac

MALACAÑANG yesterday ordered the Presidential Commission on Good Government to exhaust all means to recover the $683-million in ill-gotten Marcos wealth after a German bank blocked the transfer of the funds to the Philippine government.

"We have gone a long way in the pursuit of the ill-gotten wealth and we hope that these last-minute hitches would be overcome by the government," presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said in an interview over state-run Radyo ng Bayan.

The Singapore branch of WestLB AG, a German bank, which is holding $22 million of the $683 million held in escrow by the Philippine National Bank and invested in banks throughout Asia, said it would not let go of the money until a court in the city-state makes a ruling on how it should be disposed.

Bunye said Malacañang is leaving it up to the PCGG to pave the way for the immediate transfer of the funds to the Philippine treasury.

The PCGG branded the decision of the German bank to withhold a portion of the $683 million Marcos loot as "unprofessional" and "illegal" and urged the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Bangko Sentral to protest the action of WestLB AG's Singapore branch.

"What they did was unprofessional and illegal," said PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza Jr. "We call on our Bangko Sentral to do what it can so that banking authorities in Singapore can address such unprofessional banking conduct."

He also urged the DFA to lodge a protest before US authorities against Hawaii Judge Manuel Real's Sept. 2 order blocking the transfer of the Marcos Swiss deposits to the Philippine government.

He pointed out that WestLB was not under the jurisdiction of the US Hawaii district court.

But officials said that Real's Sept. 2 ruling could have instigated the action of the German bank.

Real had earlier ruled against the transfer of the $683 million Marcos deposit to the Philippine government and threatened banks that did so.

The obstacles came after the Supreme Court declared in July that the Marcos deposits in Swiss bank accounts now deposited in an escrow account in the PNB were ill-gotten and forfeited these in favor of the government.

The government has earmarked the money for agrarian reform and compensation for Marcos human rights victims.

PRESIDENT Macapagal removes the protective plastic shoe cover that ensures sterility at the Integrated Micro Electronic Inc. microchips plant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, which she visited yesterday.

EDWIN BACASMAS

After the Supreme Court ruling, PNB reportedly asked these banks to release the money to them.

"We're informed by PNB that the rest and more substantial part of the escrowed funds has been released by all the other banks. Obviously, WestLB's refusal to release the deposits of PNB is absolutely unprofessional," the PCGG said in a statement.

'Marcoses may be cited for money-laundering'

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE GOVERNMENT may file money-laundering charges against the Marcoses for their continued attempts to block the transfer to the government of $683 million in ill-gotten wealth.

Two months ago, the Supreme Court declared the money currently in escrow at the Philippine National Bank as ill-gotten, and ordered its forfeiture in favor of the government.

A ranking official involved in efforts to recover the loot said that in light of the SC ruling, the family of the late dictator was liable for money laundering.

The alleged plan came on the heels of a decision by WestLB AG, a German bank in Singapore, to hold on to an estimated $22 million of the Marcos loot until a Singapore court rules on how it would be disposed of.

But Assistant Solicitor General Nestor Jay Ballasillo said the government was standing firm on its position: "The money was just invested in the Singapore bank, (which) has no authority to withhold it."

Ballasillo said WestLB officials were probably just avoiding a conflict, since Hawaii Judge Manuel Real on Sept. 2 threatened to cite for obstruction of justice anyone who went against his ruling barring the transfer of the $683 million to the Philippine government.

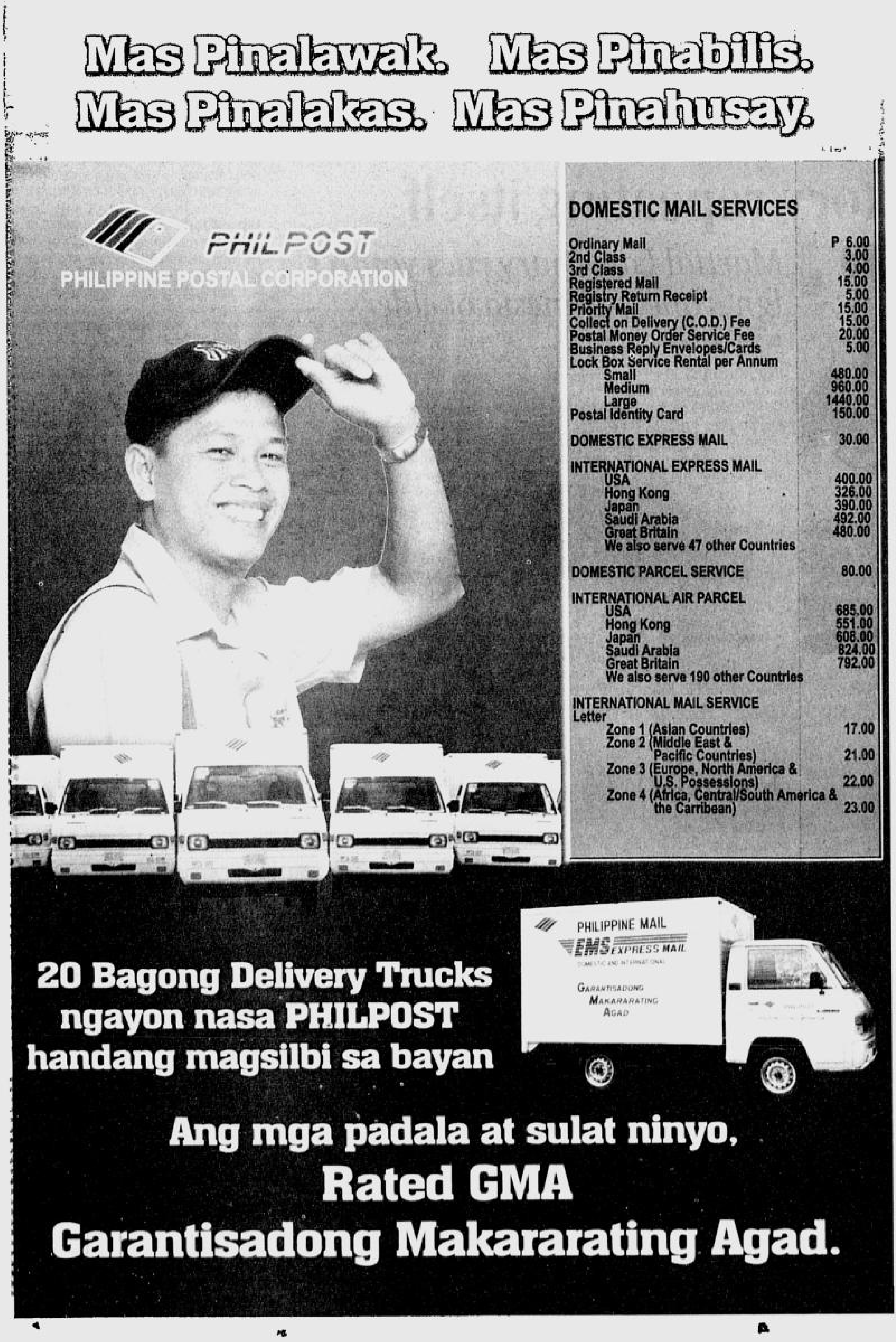
Real, whose court earlier decided in favor of claimants in a class suit on human rights violations against the Marcoses, had nevertheless protested the SC ruling, citing lack of due process.

Ballasillo said that like Real, no Singaporean judge could interfere in the issue of the Marcos loot, now that the Supreme Court had ruled on it.

He said the judicial doctrine of "act of state" provided that "no court in one country can inquire, review, or set aside the decision of a court in another country."

Should WestLB insist otherwise, Ballasillo said, the Philippine government would use diplomatic channels to make Singapore respect the SC decision.

Ballasillo, citing the "act of of state" doctrine, noted that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals had overturned a Dec. 5, 1997 order by Real to freeze the Marcos accounts that were still in Credit Suisse and Swiss Banking Corp. at the time.



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Gloria says Bush's visit will energize foreign investments

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

UNITED States President George W. Bush will bring "economic and military packages" that would revitalize the country's finances and energize foreign investment, President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday.

Ms Macapagal did not give details of the windfall expected during the eight-hour state visit of her friend and ally on Oct. 18.

In her regular radio message yesterday, the President said: "I believe that the forthcoming visit of President Bush will strengthen the confidence of investors in our country."

Bush will drop by Manila on his way to the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Bangkok. His visit is widely perceived to be a thank-you gesture for the Philippines' outspoken support for the US-led war against Iraq.

Ms Macapagal, who personally extended the invitation to Bush during her visit to Washington last May, expects the American president to express the US' gratitude in terms of concrete economic aid.

Before the Apec summit, the US president will visit three other Asian countries. His whirlwind Manila stop includes a 20-minute meeting with Ms Macapagal at Malacañang and a state banquet. He will also address a joint gathering of Congress.

Investor confidence generates jobs, Ms Macapagal said. "That is why we should have peace in the country if we want jobs for all."

Government data released Wednesday showed that the unemployment rate had swelled to 12.7 percent in July, compared to 11.2 percent for the same period last year.

Harping on her favorite theme since the failed July 27 Oakwood mutiny, the President added that there would be peace only if the political opposition stopped sowing intrigues.

Ms Macapagal pointed out that unemployment had been abetted by fears over the SARS epidemic and a series of typhoons that wrought havoc on the agriculture industry. *With a report from AP*

Ping 'sneaks' back into RP via Cebu

FROM BEING high-profile in late August, opposition Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson suddenly turned media shy when he arrived Friday after more than two weeks of reported sleuthing abroad for more evidence against First Gentleman Mike Arroyo.

Arroyo's nemesis quietly slipped into the country at 11:45 Friday night on board Cathay Pacific flight CX-905 which landed at the Mactan International Airport in Cebu.

Cathay Pacific personnel said the plane, which came from Los Angeles, California, USA, had a two-hour stop-over in Hong Kong before landing in Cebu. The senator then took a Philippine Airlines domestic flight to Manila.

But the senator, who rocked the Macapagal administration with a series of privilege speeches accusing the First Gentleman of money laundering, has remained inaccessible as of press time.

The INQUIRER tried to contact his spokesperson and political strategist, Lito Banayo, to no avail.

Lacson's arrival is expected to revive interest in the Jose Pidal controversy which had been relegated to the sidelines after he left for Sydney, Australia on Sept. 4.

Last Saturday, Sen. Joker Arroyo, chair of the Senate blue ribbon committee investigating the Pidal controversy, urged Lacson to come home immediately to finish what he had started.

Arroyo said Lacson's absence was "whetting the public's lust for blood."

Informed that Lacson was in town, Sen. Francis Pangilinan, chair of the Senate ethics committee, urged the opposition senator to present the proverbial smoking gun against the First Gentleman.

Pangilinan said Lacson should prove the authenticity of the documents he used as a basis for accusing Arroyo of laundering his wife's campaign funds. *Michael L. Ubac with Philip C. Tubeza*

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Gerry Geronimo

Ka Gerry's love for farming is well known. He was chosen "*Outstanding Farmer of the Year*" in 1984 and served as Sectoral Representative for Peasants & Fisherfolks in the Lower House during the 10th Congress (1995-1998). His "*Ating Alamin*" TV and radio program, which has brought him numerous accolades, is the longest running public service production dealing with agricultural livelihood. He also conceptualized and produced an educational children's TV program called "*Hardin ng Kaalaman*". Besides being a well sought-out speaker on agribusiness opportunities, he is himself a self-made agri-businessman.

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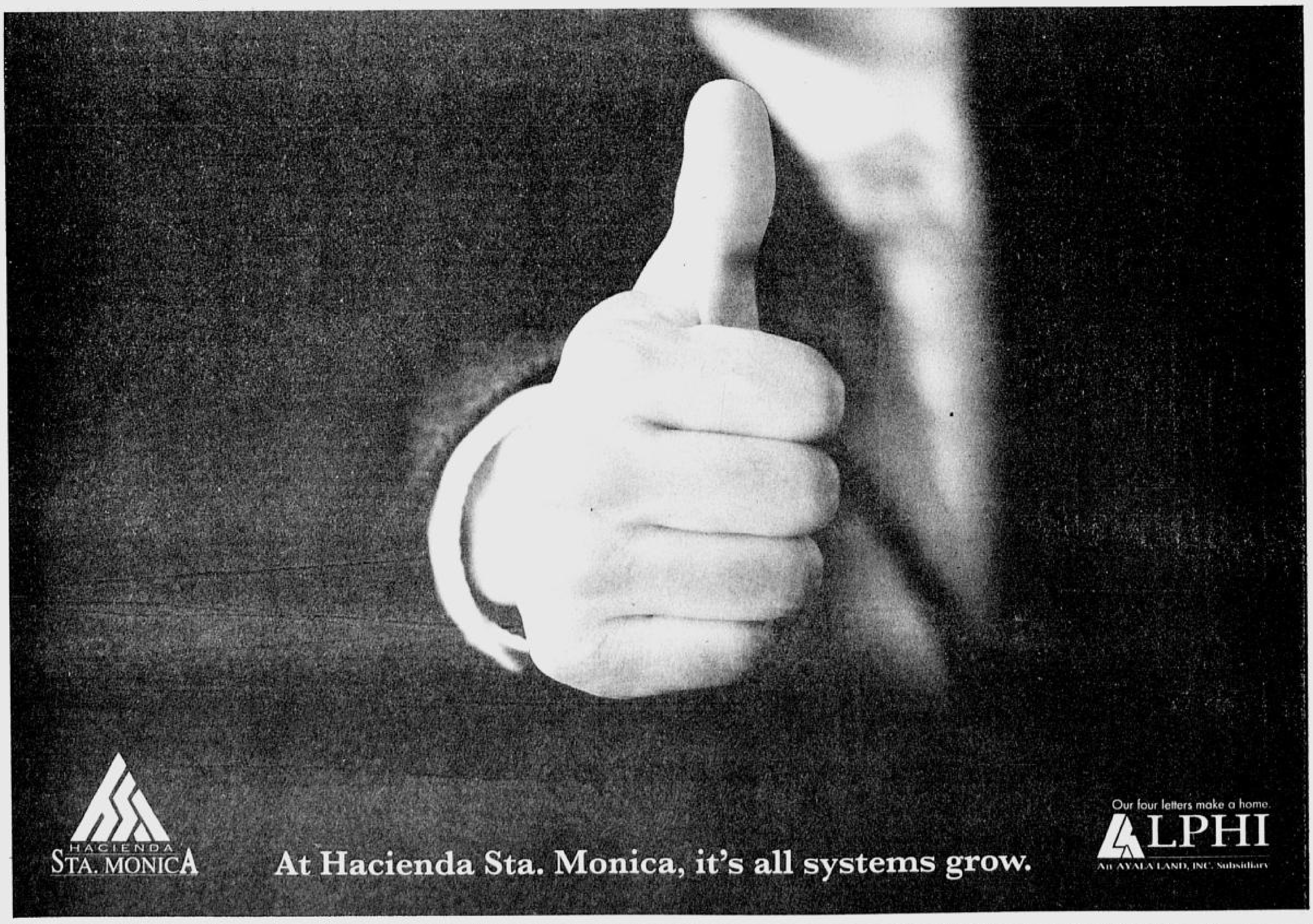
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Groundbreaking of Hacienda Sta. Monica 2
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Workshop on Inner and Outer Ecology by Chin-Chin Gutierrez
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November 9, Sunday

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Dead dog honored by master with 6-day wake

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wished to bury Miko in a cemetery but there are no pet memorial parks in Bacolod City.

Yamasaki, who sells sugar mill spare parts to sugar centrals in Negros Occidental, has been living here for over a year now with his Filipino wife, Mary Rose Tiu, and only child, Arrisa, 3.

Richard Torre, a family friend, said that when Miko died the Japanese wept as if he had lost a valued member of his family.

Miko was like a daughter to him, Yamasaki said.

Yamasaki, who also breeds dogs, said Miko won numerous trophies and ribbons in her time, the most prestigious of which was the international award for "Best in Breed" when she competed against dogs from throughout Asia and the United States in a contest in Japan in April 1998.

She won the equivalent of P2 million, he said.

MIKO: Champion dog with her trophies.

PLDT told to explain phone . . .

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pine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) to explain why it is offering its subscribers a service where sexual stories are narrated over the telephone.

"Such sexual promotions seem unfit for a telephone company like PLDT. We are asking them to défend themselves, to give them a chance to explain why they are being accused of such," Mendoza said.

Mendoza said PLDT's service could be dangerous because children could easily access the telephone number and listen to the sex stories.

Rep. Edmund Reyes, chair of the House committee on basic education and culture, the other day accused the country's dominant telecom firm of offering a phone sex service where starlet Patricia Javier talks about her sexual experiences.

The service, called Lovenotes, originally offered advice on relationships but had later changed its format.

Reyes had said PLDT has been selling phone cards featuring sexy stars in the nude or in provocative outfits.

For P100, buyers of the phone cards can listen to any starlet of their choice talk about sex through the PLDT Lovenotes hotline.

Pillow talk

Reyes had said one of the PLDT cards showed Patricia Javier's breasts, nipple and navel. That of Joyce Jimenez showed her with only a pillow covering her private parts while another card featured the Sex Bomb dancers in provocative outfits.

"This is shocking and alarming because anyone, (even) children, can access the phone cards, and use the telephone and mobile phone. This is definitely aimed at destroying the family," Reyes had said.

Philippine Alliance Against Pornography Inc. spokesperson Boy Blue Filomeno and PLDT workers union president Peter Pinlac are supporting Reyes' protest.

Reyes scored PLDT for its alleged insatiable appetite for profit by engaging in pornographic activities despite its P6 billion income in 2002.

Reyes said the National Telecommunications Commission had looked into the complaint of phone sex and an initial investigation by commissioner Armi Jane Borje found that the Sex Bomb Dancers phone cards were not approved by NTC. Yet PLDT proceeded to sell these in the market. *Reports from AFP, Cynthia Balana*

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b. For BKP Accounts. All surcharges previously imposed shall be condoned. Penalties, which is in the form of additional interest and integrated therein shall not be condoned
c. For previously Restructured Accounts. All penalties and surcharges previously imposed from the date of last restructuring shall be condoned except RA 8501

Minimum Payment Requirement
a. Up-to-date accounts and Non-Delinquent Accounts. No downpayment required. If the borrower wants to reduce the balance to further lower the interest rate payment must be made within the month of application
b. Accounts in Default. At least ten percent (10%) of the outstanding balance net of penalties and surcharges which must be made within the month of application.

In the event the 10% downpayment is not completed within the month of application, said payment shall be applied as regular payment and application shall be cancelled. In the event borrower re-applies, he will be required to put up another 10% of the outstanding balance net of penalties and surcharges as of the month of application.

Restructured Balance.
The amount to be restructured shall be the outstanding balance net of penalties/surcharges condoned and downpayment, if any.

Effectivity Date of Restructured Account.
a. Up-to-date Accounts and Non-delinquent Accounts. The first amortization shall be due on the month of application.
b. Accounts in Default. The first amortization shall be due at the end of the month following the month of application

Terms of Payment

The borrower shall have the following options for the term of payment.
a Remaining term
b Any year from one to fifteen as may be opted by the borrower, which ever is longer.

Interest Rate

For members	Interest Rate
P 180,000.00 and below	8%
P 180,000.01 to P300,000	10%
P 300,000 and above	12%
For non-members	
-above rates	+2%

Repayment Scheme.
a. For active members as principal borrower - salary deduction. Any deficiency shall be covered by salary deduction from a co-maker(s) and/or issuance of twelve post dated checks covering the deficiency for the succeeding twelve months
b. For non-members as principal borrower and co-maker — issuance of post dated checks.
c Twelve post dated checks shall be prepared initially. Every anniversary of the loan, the borrower shall be required to submit the next twelve checks for the amortization for the following year and every year thereafter until the loan is fully paid.

Sales/Mortgage Redemption Insurance (SRI/MRI)

a Re-insurance of restructured accounts with lapsed SRI MRI coverage(on original loan) shall be at the option of awardee / buyer of rights, subject to all existing Optional Life Insurance policies.
b Restructured accounts which SRI / MRI did not lapse, shall remain in force but only for the amount corresponding to the present value of the original loan. The difference between the restructured amount and present value may be insured but shall be subject to whatever actuarial adjustment there might be.

Penalties and Surcharges

Any unpaid amortization during the term of the restructured account shall be charged a penalty computed monthly using the table and as illustrated below:

Principal Loan	Penalty Rate
P180,000 and below	1/
P180,001 to P300,000	2/
Above P300,000	2/

1/ (0.50% x total arrearages) + (0.08% x principal balance)
2/ (0.50% x total arrearages) + (0.33% x principal balance)

Processing Fee

A processing fee shall be collected from the applicant for each account availing of this program, as follows:
a Restructuring – P500.00 only
b Subrogation Fee one half percent (1/2%) of the original loan

Subrogation of Rights

Application for subrogation / Transfer of Rights shall be processed and approved subject to the following requirements.
1. Submission of the following:
   a. Deed of Transfer of Rights;
   b Special Power of Attorney.
   c Multiple subrogation/ transfer maybe allowed provided that all the corresponding contracts and other documentary requirements are presented to the GSIS for authentication;
   d Extra-judicial settlement and partition, if sale is after death of original borrower, to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, and an Affidavit of Publication;
   e Authentication of legal documents, if it is notarized abroad
2 The terms and conditions as described above
3 Interest rates shall be as stated above

Restructuring Agreement

The restructured subrogated account shall be covered by a Supplemental Agreement embodying the terms and conditions of this program. The provisions of the original contract shall remain in full force, except as amended herein.

Application Requirements

1 Application form duly accomplished and signed by any of the following:
   a Principal borrower / awardee (including the co-makers if any)
   b. Buyer of Rights/transferee
   c Any duly authorized representative of the above
2. Latest payslip principal borrower / awardee/co-maker and or Buyer of rigths,
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   Passport Driver's License
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   Others as may be determined by the GSIS
4. Commitment Letter to pay either by salary deduction, issuance of post-dated checks or combination

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RP, US military forces end 'short, effective' exercise

FORT MAGSAYSAY, Palayan City—"Short but very effective," was how officers of the 31st United States Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) described the just-concluded six-day joint Philippine-US Amphibious Group Exercises (Argex 03).

The participants—1,000 US Marines and their 100 Filipino counterpart—broke camp yesterday and joined other members of the MEU who held exercises in Ternate, Cavite, and Clark Field in Pampanga. The Americans were scheduled to return to their ships docked at the Subic Freeport in Zambales.

"We trained up there in your mountains and learned much about how to move well in the jungle," said Capt. Ian Fletches, deputy reconnaissance patrol commander of the US unit. "We learned when to proceed and when not to, where to get water, which things out there could be eaten, and which ones could not."

They were "wet all the time" from heavy rains, Fletches said, "but there were no major injuries among the men."

He praised the Filipino soldiers for their agility and wealth of experience. "We hope they also learned from us," he said.

An American of Mexican decent and the executive officer of the 31st MEU weapons command, 1st Lt. Carlos Cuevas believed the weather had posed some obstacles. But, especially citing the artillery fire and aircraft firing exercises, he said all the training objectives were attained.

Staff Sgt. J. D. Cress, public affairs officer, said the exercises were a requirement for the US troops' membership in expeditionary units for any contingency in the Asia-Pacific region.

"Your place here offered our Marines a variety of environments and conditions. The weather... was very suitable to this type of training," Cress said. "The (exercises) also helped establish the inter-operability of your soldiers and our soldiers." *Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Garbage everywhere and one day is not enough to clean it all up, but employees of the Westin Phil. Plaza and members of the World Wildlife Fund and the International Marine Life Alliance give it a try, as they tackled the carpet of garbage on Manila Bay yesterday in observance of International Coastal Cleanup Day. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Cleanup Day shows more trash thrown in RP waters

MABINI, Batangas—An estimated 26-percent increase in garbage along the shores of this diving capital was noted in yesterday's waste collection activity as the country celebrated 18th International Coastal Cleanup Day.

From last year's 50 tons, yesterday's cleanup in the entire Balayan Bay area of Mabini town, especially the once famous Barangay Anilao, yielded 63 tons.

Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Officer Evelyn Estigoy said the garbage was carried by the waves and northwestern winds.

But Mabini Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office head Luzviminda Villas suspected that the huge trash deposit on the shores of Anilao was caused by the rapid growth of squatter communities in surrounding barangays.

Villas said the town implemented the Solid Waste Management Act only on Sept. 16, and most of the squatters were still "unaware" of proper waste disposal methods.

In terms of participation, Estigoy said, yesterday's activity was also the biggest.

"More than 2,000... from different sectors came," she said, "not only to (join the cleanup) but also to see President Macapagal-Arroyo."

The President, however, didn't make it. There were only 200 participants last year.

Anilao used to be world-renowned for its pristine waters and world-class dive sites. Now, due to large-scale pollution and illegal fishing, the dive spots are in danger of devastation.

Similar cleanups were held in the nearby towns of Calatagan, Balayan and Bauan.

In Batangas City, hundreds of government and private employees, and representatives of non-government organizations and people's organizations, likewise turned up to collect trash in the coastal villages of Calumpang, Isla Verde, Sta. Rita Aplaya, Bolbok, Sta. Clara, Wawa, Malitam, Tabangao, Pinamucan, Simlong, Libjo, Mabacong and Pagkilatan.

In Manila, hotel employees got down and dirty off Manila Bay as they took part in International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Some 30 employees of the Westin Philippine Plaza and members of the World Wildlife Fund and the International Marine Life Alliance collected the garbage that had accumulated at the breakwater a few meters from the hotel.

Armed with rakes, brooms and garbage bags, the group picked through an almost solid carpet of water lilies, styrofoam, plastic bags and the carcasses of animals that littered Manila Bay, which is famous for its beautiful sunsets. *Ilijan de la Paz and Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, and Leila B. Salaverria, Manila*

Squatters sitting on P100B, says author

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

SQUATTER families in the Philippines have at least P100 billion in untapped capital which they could use to improve their lives if the government would only give them certain rights to the properties they are occupying, according to a Peruvian economist and best-selling author.

President Macapagal-Arroyo met Friday with Hernando de Soto, whose book on capitalism has provided inputs for her vision and programs to fight poverty and accelerate economic growth.

De Soto, the namesake of the great Spanish explorer and an acknowledged expert on development economics, is the best-selling author of "The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else," "The Other Path," among other works.

Ms Macapagal had sought a meeting with the Peruvian author to discuss the latter's ideas on how to empower the country's teeming masses.

In his book, De Soto advocated the idea of giving the poor certain rights to property they use frequently but don't own, such as slum dwellings.

"This way, they can raise capital by selling those rights or using them as collateral in the formal financial system," Malacañang quoted De Soto.

Citing Peru's experience, De Soto said that they are about to finish titling 120,000 informal properties.

De Soto, Malacañang noted, had long argued that the poor sit on huge sums of "dead capital" - primarily dwellings of the poor - estimated at $100 billion in 2000.

According to de Soto, one major reason why the informal sector has not become formal is that 90 percent of informal lands are not titled and registered. This is a generalized phenomenon in the so-called Third World, he said. "Not having property rights means not having access to the property in all sorts of ways."

PNP insists Loi, kids involved in mutiny

THE PHILIPPINE National Police is standing pat on its earlier report linking opposition Sen. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito and two of her children to the failed July 27 Oakwood mutiny.

"We apologize whenever we are wrong. But when we did nothing wrong, I don't think we should," PNP chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane said in reaction to calls for the PNP to apologize to the Estrada family after the justice department reportedly dismissed the rebellion cases filed against them.

Ebdane said no apologies were yet in order since the investigation into the alleged involvement of certain members of the Estrada family in the attempted coup is continuing.

In dismissing the charges against the Estradas, the DOJ cited the failure of the PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group to present enough evidence to warrant the filing of a case against them.

But Justice Secretary Simeon Datumanong has denied having said that there was not enough evidence to prosecute the Estradas for involvement in the mutiny.

The CIDG implicated the senator and two of her children to the failed mutiny after the ownership of several vehicles used by the mutineers was traced to the family. The vans' registration showed they were owned by JELP, a firm owned by former President Joseph Estrada and his family.

"We stand by our report (because) there were documents supporting the information that they were the owners. Was it wrong for us to say that the soldiers used vans registered under their name?" Ebdane asked.

Ebdane said the CIDG was only doing its job when its investigators came out with the report and submitted it to the DOJ for proper dispensation. *Norman Bordadora*

Military captures Abu camp

JOLO, Sulu—The military yesterday said it had seized a major camp of the Abu Sayyaf kidnap gang in Bud Tunggol, Patikul town here.

Col. Alan Arrojado, commander of the Army's 35th Infantry Battalion, said the camp belonged to Abu Sayyaf leader Radulan Sahiron, who was involved in the Sipadan hostaging and other high-profile Abu Sayyaf kidnappings and is the object of a military manhunt in the province.

"We believe the camp belonged to Radulan Sahiron because we got his horse there," Arrojado said. *Ed General, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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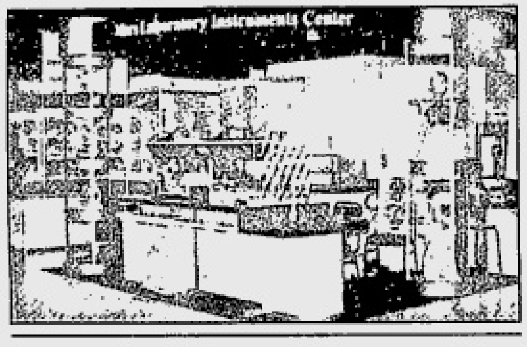

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$25-M lotto winner escapes Pentagon kidnap try

COTABATO CITY—The Pentagon gang, blamed in at least 50 kidnapping cases in Southern and Central Mindanao, tried but failed to snatch a Filipino-American in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat Friday afternoon.

According to The Associated Press, Michael Escanlar was a lotto winner in the US to the tune $25 million. It said the former US Navy man was living off his winnings.

The 10 heavily armed suspects, however, ended up taking the three bodyguards of Escanlar hostage.

The incident occurred even as President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered police and the military to crackdown on kidnap gangs in the wake of the rising incidence of abductions in recent weeks.

Brig. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala, 301st Infantry Brigade commander, said Escanlar, who owns a cockbreeding farm in Barangay Kalawag Uno, had been receiving threats from unidentified persons since he arrived from a US vacation last month.

Because of the threats, Dema-ala said, Escanlar hired the services of a private security firm which assigned Hernane Panes, Datu Galvez and Rey Sanla to guard him.

Dema-ala said Escanlar was in his farm when the suspects arrived in a maroon jeepney at around 4:35 p.m.

Believing the men were the ones who had threatened to kidnap him, the 25-year-old Escanlar fired his handgun at them while fleeing his farm.

He was able to get away, but not his three bodyguards who were overpowered by the gunmen reportedly led by one Saidale Mamalangkay.

The incident was the second botched kidnapping in Sultan Kudarat province by the Pentagon gang this month.

The incident led to a shootout between the kidnappers and authorities where at least 10 persons, including two policemen, were killed.

The Pentagon gang gained notoriety after it abducted Italian priest Fr. Guissepe Pierrantoni on Oct. 17, 2001 in Zamboanga del Sur.

Pierrantoni was released on April 8, 2002, after six months in captivity.

Other high-profile abductions pulled off by the group included those of five Chinese engineers and a Filipino guide in May 2001. Four of the Chinese engineers were killed in the crossfire during a military rescue operation in June 2001. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, Rosa May V. de Guzman and Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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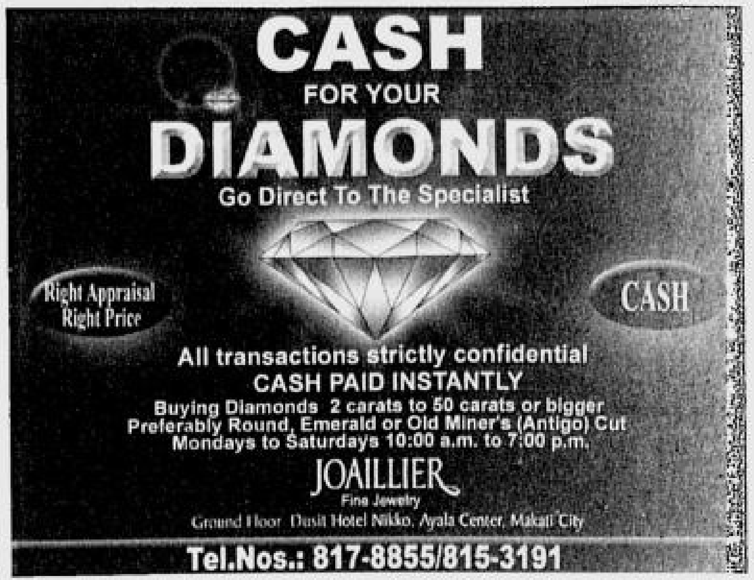
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Hunting Al-Ghozi not GMA's job, says Biazon

LEGAZPI CITY—Opposition Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said hunting for escaped terrorist Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi was not part of President Macapagal-Arroyo's duties.

Biazon, who was in Albay for the 1st Luzon Area Media Summit, yesterday said Ms Macapagal "is very much confused in her job as president that she's planning to go to the remote town of Tungawan in Zamboanga just to hunt down the fugitive."

Biazon said this role belongs to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the President is an economist not a soldier.

"*Ano pa ang silbi ng ating mga sundalo* (What are our soldiers for) if she's in the limelight," he said.

Biazon said the President's move was provocative in nature and appeared to be timed for the visit of US President George W. Bush.

"I do believe Al-Ghozi could be the welcome gift of our dear President to the most powerful man in the world. Of course, as part of our hospitality, *dapat may regalo* (there must be a gift)," Biazon said.

"It can also mean that the Philippines still has the capability to handle the peace and order situation here and the security of President Bush," he said.

Malacañang has denied that Washington was demanding the capture of Al-Ghozi before the arrival of Bush on Oct. 18.

The Palace also dismissed reports that Al-Ghozi was already in the custody of the Philippine Army in Zamboanga just waiting for the President to present him to Bush.

On another front, AFP vice chief of staff Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia yesterday allayed Moro Islamic Liberation Front fears that the hunt for Al-Ghozi could result in clashes between government forces and MILF rebels in Zamboanga Sibugay.

Garcia told the Inquirer he had talked with his counterpart in the MILF, Ben Hamid Timbang, who assured him the MILF had nothing against the government's intensified operations against Al-Ghozi.

"I conferred with Timbang and made it clear to him that the operation is purely against Al-Ghozi," Garcia said in a telephone interview.

"Timbang, for his part, told me he had no knowledge of any MILF protest against the ongoing operations in Zamboanga Sibugay," Garcia said. ***Gil Francis G. Arevalo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, and Norman Bordadora***

Mutineers inspire many to join PMA

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—Credit "renegade academy alumni" for one thing.

Despite its link to the failed July 27 Oakwood mutiny through some of its graduates, the Philippine Military Academy has drawn the largest volume of applicants yet to today's entrance exams since the academy set stricter standards for candidate cadets in 2001.

Maj. Gen. Edilberto Adan, PMA superintendent, placed the number of applicants at 13,323, from some 8,000 applicants in 2001.

But the PMA is preparing for 15,000 examinees today in this city and other examination centers in the country, what with the routine 40-percent increase in walk-in applicants, said Marine Maj. Edgard Arevalo, PMA spokesperson.

"(This number) is nearly 50 percent more than last year's applicants, and is probably due to the unintended publicity generated by the Oakwood incident," Adan told reporters here on Sept. 14, when he first announced the record.

Arevalo, however, was quick to douse any apprehension the new recruits would carry on where the leaders of the Makati City mutiny failed. Most of the mutiny leaders were members of Marilag Class '95.

He said the PMA's annual host parents program will now assume the burden of counseling the new cadets on the effects of mounting a rebellion.

The host program was set up in 1979 to give cadets the support of Baguio-based families who act as their guardians as they endure four years of military training away from their own loved ones. ***Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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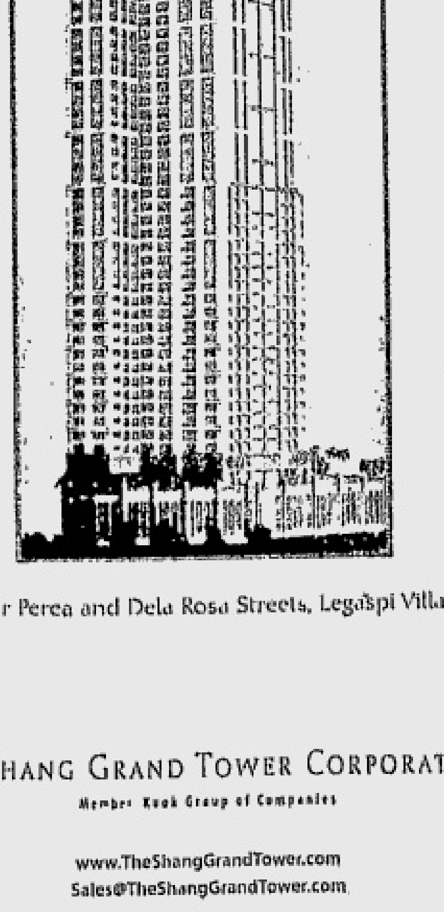
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‘Coup plots good for GMA’

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chief of staff, had said that the supposed destabilization moves had not gone beyond a “disinformation” campaign.

Single candidate

Angara said the opposition’s unifying candidate and a single senatorial slate would be decided on in a convention set on Oct. 25.

“We will just choose a single candidate, and those who are not chosen should rally behind him,” he said. “There will be a measure of self-sacrifice.”

Angara added that all “declared or reluctant” aspirants for the presidency would be considered as potential unity candidates. He mentioned opposition senators Panfilo Lacson and Gregorio Honasan, businessman Eduardo Cojuangco, and action star Fernando Poe Jr.

At the same forum, a group pushing for a Poe presidency reported that the “FPJ (Freedom, Peace and Justice) Movement” already had chapters in 68 percent of the country’s 79 provinces.

FPJ Movement president Manuel Portes claimed that during the regime of Ferdinand Marcos, he belonged to a group of professionals who backed the candidacy of Corazon Aquino, who was then also considered an unlikely opposition candidate.

Portes said Poe was presidential material by virtue of his “integrity, sincerity, and ability to gather popular support.”

ANGARA JESS YUSON

Poe has yet to categorically declare interest in running for the post once occupied by his bosom buddy, ousted President Joseph Estrada.

Getting votes

In her weekly radio address, the President called on the public to shun the opposition’s attacks against her administration.

She said spurring economic growth “means refraining from the destructiveness and excess politicking that is poisoning our atmosphere and damaging the workings of our society.”

She did not specify who were behind these acts, but told the public: “Do not get involved with them. It is clear that they are only after their individual interests, and they do not care that the things they are doing are hurting the country.

“This is the easiest way for them to get votes or to seize power, but the price of this is the destruction of our unity and the collapse of our economy.”

Unemployment

The President said her administration was taking steps to fight unemployment, which rose to 12.7 percent in July from 11.2 percent a year earlier.

But her efforts to improve the economy, she said, were being hampered by political squabbles, apparently referring to Senator Lacson’s allegations of corruption against her husband, which had recently dominated the headlines.

She has previously brushed off the opposition’s charges against her family as publicity ploys and attempts to undermine her administration.

The President also said that “we as a people have a job to do.”

“And the first thing is to ward off the incessant negativism and poison politics that are worsening divisiveness and derailing the national course,” she said. *Reports from Volt Contreras, AFP*

Mangyan school tops...

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heritage of the Mangyans, according to anthropologist Fr. Rod Salazar.

It is neither the informal education nor the formal education to be found in the so-called “lowland schools” by which the public school system is referred to in the province.

2 major divisions

Scholars have divided the Mangyan groups into two major divisions: the northern groups which include tthe Iraya, Alangnan, and Tadyawan; and the southern groups which include the Batangan, Hanunoo, the Buhid and the Ratagnon.

Pamana Ka is an offshoot of the community organizing work that was started seven years ago by the FMM and the Mangyan Mission.

Salazar is the coordinator of the Mangyan Mission in Occidental Mindoro which helped facilitate the system of indigenous people’s education in the province.

The name was chosen by the Mangyans themselves after a series of consultations.

The organizers’ evaluation showed that the scholarship assistance being made available to the Mangyans in lowland schools was not fully responsive to their needs, particularly those of the youth.

They learned that Mangyan students in the lowland schools were being victimized by abuses committed by the teachers themselves.

Because of this, the Mangyan leaders and parents protested and requested the DepEd for a dialogue that included teachers and the school superintendent.

According to Bautista, the dialogue seemed successful but the teachers concerned got back at the Mangyan leaders who spoke up during the dialogue.

It was felt that an alternative was needed and an internal dialogue was held among the Mangyan elders, community leaders, parents and Mangyan graduates of the scholarship program.

Negative attitudes

Among the findings in that dialogue was that Mangyan graduates of the lowland schools had developed certain negative attitudes, said Bautista.

Among the influences that lowland schooling fostered were: They don’t want to wallow in the mud, they like lavish wedding ceremonies, they leave the Mangyan community, they force their parents to give them money even when they are hard up, and they demand their own rooms at home.

Bautista explained that Mangyan youth suffered major adjustment problems when they go outside the Mangyan community. Close family ties were broken, food is different and the way of life is totally new to them.

In order to be accepted socially, the youths unconsciously adopt the lowlanders’ style of living.

“Even more, the education they were getting was oriented in a way that considered the Mangyan as a second-class citizen. This in effect lowered the Mangyan’s regard for the self,” said Bautista.

Moreover, in lowland education, the Mangyan has to learn both subject matter and culture which slows down the learning process, she added.

The Mangyans and the missionaries thought that what was needed was a kind of school that went beyond social pressures and where there is a proper regard for culture, said Bautista.

This is how the idea came for an exclusive Mangyan school in Mangyan territory. A sitio leader named Laki Iman donated 1.7-hectare piece of land in a kaingin area in Sitio Danlog for the school. The site is a 30-minute walk from the national road.

Laki Iman, who is now in his 70s, volunteered to have the title to the property transferred to Pamana Ka so that the land will not be subjected to ownership claims by his relatives.

Majority of the teachers are Mangyan and if non-Mangyan, knowledgeable about Mangyan culture.

The first building of Pamana Ka was put up by Mangyan leaders from different tribes, who had been organized into the Pantribung Samahan ng Kanlurang Mindoro (Pasakami).

The province-wide federation also took charge of recruitment and screening of teachers and students.

Progressive system

Pamana Ka was set up using the methods of the Angelicum School, a progressive school in Manila which uses a non-graded system of gauging the progress of students.

The principle is called “mastery of the modules.” It is not enough that a student obtains a grade of 75 percent in a subject but he or she must have mastered the subject, can talk about it and integrate it in his or her life.

Classes are personalized. Remedial classes are held if needed. There is no pressure for a student to finish within four years time.

There are no failures either, as “all will reach the finish line but according to the individual’s phase.”

The system is participatory. Policies are made by both parents and students through workshops, as are problems if they are not administrative in nature.

A wrongdoer is given another chance, and if he or she breaks the rules again, there are no ill feelings.

“Their system has its own wisdom even if it takes time,” said Bautista.

Pamana Ka, which operates according to the indigenous people calendar of activities, starts the school year in September and ends in June, giving young Mangyans the opportunity to help during the main farming months of July and August.

According to school administrators, there is marked absenteeism during the months of June and July in the lowland schools as Mangyan parents need their children to help with farm chores.

Culturally rooted

School officials note that participation in farm rituals, while engaging in a major economic activity, keeps the Mangyan grounded in their cultural roots.

After five years, the Pamana Ka student population has doubled, from the 25 it had when it started. The ages of the students range from 13 to 20.

Another aspect that is integrated in the curriculum is participatory research. During school vacations, students go back to their communities and interview the tribal elders.

This fosters a high regard for the elderly and prevents young Mangyans from feeling superior to the unschooled.

There are no religion classes, even if Church missionaries were involved in the setting up of the school.

“The Church has also learned,” said Bautista.

What used to be called as pagan because of their belief systems are no longer regarded as that, she said.

What Pamana Ka is developing is respect for all religions and living out a group’s value system, said Bautista.

“A standard of living that is sustainable is emphasized,” she said.

As the problem of early marriages is another Mangyan concern, the school is considering integrating modules on sexuality.

Antonio “Dodong” Orosa, a Mangyan who is being trained to be administrator of Pamana Ka, and Juanito Lumawig, a Mangyan leader, received the award in behalf of the school and the Mangyan federation.

The FMM sisters know that they will have to phase themselves out of the school someday.

It cannot really be regarded as a turnover since the Mangyans were already there from the beginning while the missionaries only helped to facilitate the project.

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Help end migrant abuse, WB urged

NEW YORK—Human Rights Watch on Friday called on the World Bank to help end the exploitation of migrant workers in the Gulf states.

Nearly 10 million foreigners, many from the Philippines, India and Bangladesh, work in the Gulf states, according to Human Rights Watch.

It added that the migrants—mostly unskilled or semi-skilled—make up some 90 percent of the 1.7-million workers in the United Arab Emirates, where the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund will meet next week.

The Migrant Workers Convention guarantees human rights and promises state protection against abuse by employers and government officials. The convention has been ratified by 22 states, but has yet to be adopted by many wealthy countries that depend heavily on migrant labor, said Human Rights Watch.

"The World Bank knows that migrants are key to economic development, but they're not paying attention to the dark side of that issue," said Rory Mungoven, global advocacy director for Human Rights Watch.

"The bank should be leading the way in international efforts to protect them from exploitation and abuse." *AFP*

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Iloilo to erect monument to martyrs of martial law

ILOILO CITY—Human rights advocates and relatives and friends of martial law victims will join today's groundbreaking rites for a monument dedicated to those killed fighting the Marcos dictatorship.

Various groups led by the Panay Alliance-Karapatan, Mothers and Relatives against Tyranny (Martyr), Samahan ng mga Ex-Detainees Laban sa Detensyon at para sa Amnestiya (Selda) and Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace are raising funds for the construction of the monument at the historic Plaza Libertad.

The Iloilo City Council passed Resolution No. 2001-1000 in October 2001 allotting an area at the Plaza Libertad as site. The council, upon the endorsement of the committee on tourism under Councilor Raul Gonzales Jr., approved the project last March.

Around 2,000 Ilonggos yesterday took part in a protest action marking the 31st anniversary of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos' declaration of martial law.

Activists led by the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan and People Resist marched through the city's main streets before holding a cultural program at the grounds of the Museo Iloilo.

Jeffrey Celiz, chair of Bayan on Panay Island, said corruption "in the highest levels of the government" and "worsening repression" were reminding the people of the "horrors" of martial law.

He accused the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo of "betraying what we fought for at Edsa II—good government and justice."

In Sorsogon City, the local chapter of the human rights group Karapatan said justice remained elusive for victims of martial law even after three decades.

It said the families of more than 10,000 victims of human rights violations and of those still missing were continuing to live in a "nightmare."

"Even if the victims won against the Marcos [estate] in the US District Court in Hawaii—proof that Marcos was guilty of violating human rights—justice has yet to be achieved," it said in a statement.

Karapatan-Sorsogon called for the passage of House Bill 4535 and Senate Bill 1877, which, it said, Marcos' heirs were blocking in Congress in alleged connivance with Akbayan Rep. Etta Rosales and lawyers Rod Domingo and Robert Swift.

The two bills concern the compensation of martial law victims.

"The lack of political will of the lawmakers and of the President herself is a [signal] for Filipinos to insist on justice for the human rights victims through widespread actions," Karapatan-Sorsogon said.

It added: "The Filipino people have been victimized three times: first, by the Marcoses; second, by the long quest for justice; and third, by the apathy of the Macapagal regime."

Spokesperson Erning Escolano said the group would hold a rally tomorrow in front of the Capitol compound to mark the declaration of martial law. *With reports from Nestor P. Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas Bureau; Emir Gamis, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Book warns of history repeating itself

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actually witnessed and lived the martial law years, he said, "it's as if some kind of amnesia has developed."

Without naming names, the former antiMarcos activist and political prisoner pointed to people now in the government who are "collaborators of the same system they used to criticize."

Legacy

An enduring "legacy" of martial law is the corruption in the Armed Forces, which has in turn bred restive young officers like the mutinous Magdalo group of soldiers, Vizmanos said.

While they raised legitimate grievances against the AFP and the government in general, he said, the Magdalo soldiers used the "wrong method" and could have plunged the country back to martial rule had they succeeded in seizing power.

On hindsight, Vizmanos said, the mutineers could have gained public support had they just staged a prayer rally "in uniform but unarmed" at the Liwasang Bonifacio or in front of the Manila Cathedral.

"They could have started another People Power," he said.

He also recalled that "before Marcos, we [in the military] entertained no thoughts of staging a coup d'etat because the previous governments were not as corrupt."

Vizmanos said that before retiring, he experienced "harassment and persecution" by the AFP high command for writing a thesis during his advanced studies recognizing Communist China as an emerging world power.

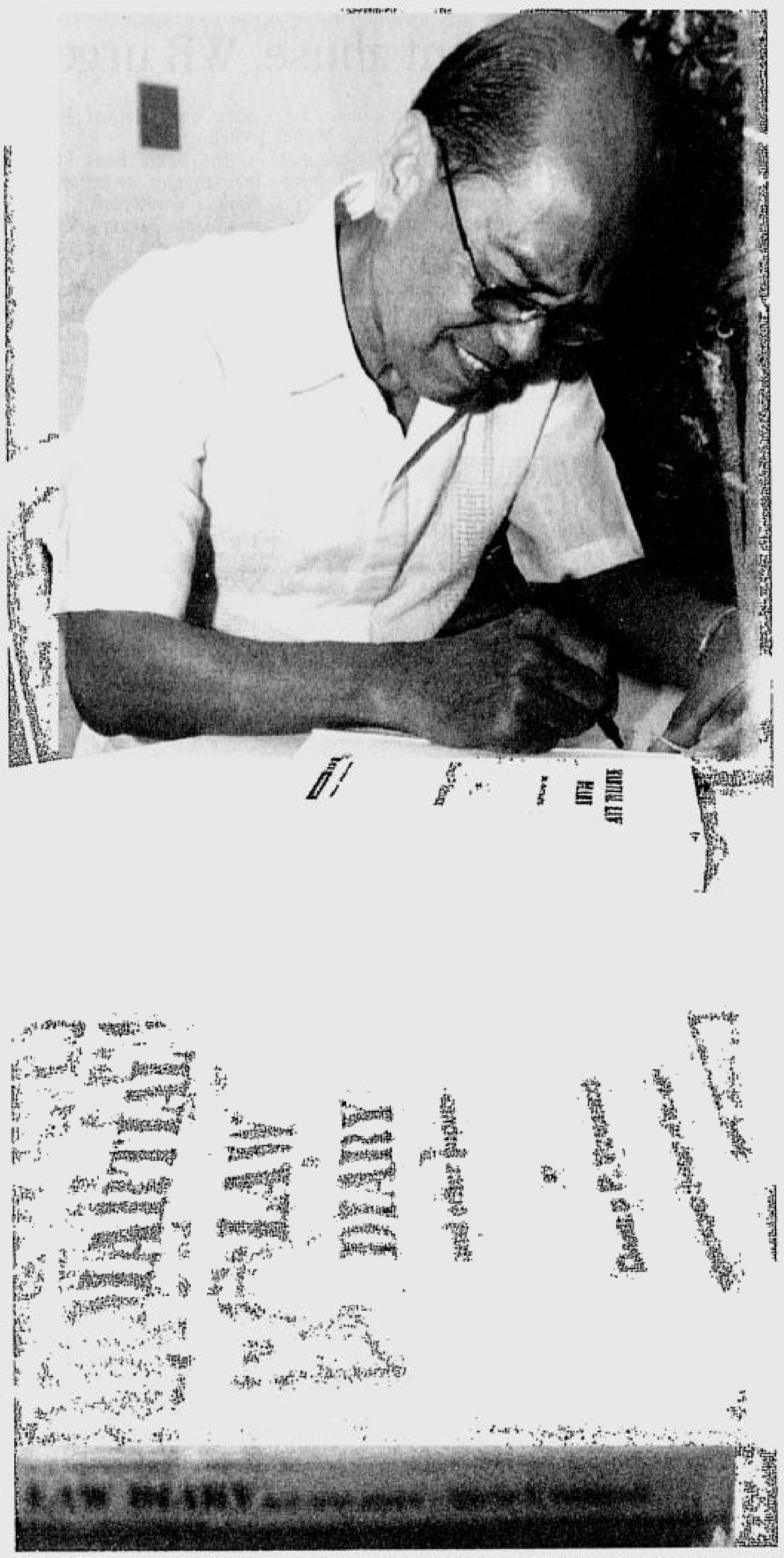
The man is an admirer of Mao Tse-tung, as some entries in his diary show.

The entries reproduced in his book were from September 1972 to May 1974, shortly before he was arrested by the then Philippine Constabulary headed by a "friend," Maj. Fidel Ramos, who would become president in 1992.

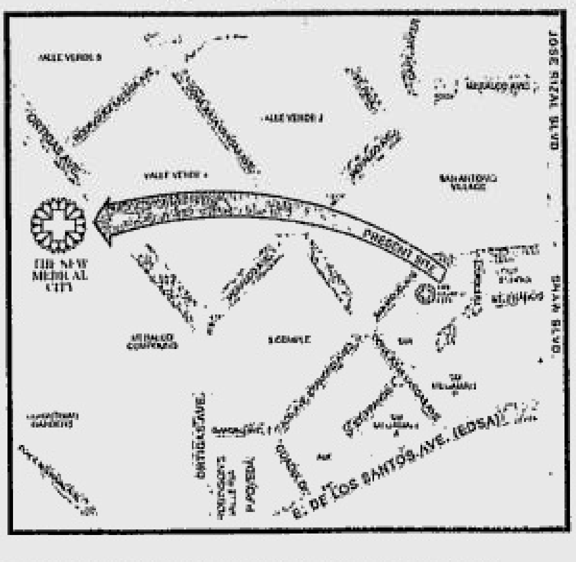
Tagged as a "subversive" by the Marcos-controlled press, Vizmanos was imprisoned for two years in Camp Crame, Fort Bonifacio and Bicutan, with no charges filed against him.

Upon his release, he would become more intensely involved in militant organizations like the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, which he at one time led.

At present, Vizmanos chairs the Samahan ng mga Ex-Detainees Laban sa Detensyon at para sa Amnestiya, or Selda, an organization of former political prisoners and human rights victims that initiated a class suit against the Marcoses shortly after the 1986 People Power revolt.



RETIRED Navy man but still a vigilant fighter for human rights, Dan Vizmanos autographs his book at the Popular Bookstore in Quezon City. JOAN BONDOC



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Cursing the darkness

By Manuel E. Valdehuesa Jr.

IN THE '50s, one of the few active youth groups in the country was the Student Catholic Action (SCA). Joe Concepcion of Namfrel fame was its national president and prime mover. The SCA's motto was: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." Countless students nationwide were fired by it.

Raul Roco and Art Panganiban [now a Supreme Court Justice] were among them. They sought to light candles with their affirmative acts in the campuses and when they formed the Alumni of SCA (ASCA)—later the Philippine Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (PHIMICA).

By the mid-60s many members became frustrated, even cynical, because the candles they lighted were promptly blown out by some insecure traditional politicians or their envious supporters. The darkness of corruption, of incompetence, of political chicanery prevailed.

While the SCA as an organization became dormant in time, its adherents kept on lighting candles in various and separate ways. Some became priests and embraced Liberation Theology—firebrands who joined marches and rallies and the Tondo poor in the war against poverty. Others went underground and became local versions of Che Guevarra. Still others organized teach-ins and seminars in campuses, barangays, sugarcane fields, even in the Ilocos where the Crisologos burned down two barrios for being recalcitrant to their iron rule.

First Quarter Storm

The lighted candles multiplied and precipitated a conflagration that led to the First Quarter Storm (January 1970)—when it became clear that Marcos had stolen the elections two months before.

Even graduates of the Philippine Military Academy joined the movement and helped fire up the Reform the Armed Forces Movement when it still stood for something.

Clueless

Each in his own way was lighting a candle for reform and justice in Philippine society. But most Filipinos were clueless about societal problems. They just went along wherever the wind blew, neither cursing the darkness nor lighting a candle. They were used to the twilight illumination of political patronage and didn't notice the darkness closing in. They acted like sheep and indulged the self-appointed shepherds who were greedy politicians, bumbling incompetents, and posturing martinets. And they far outnumbered the candle-lighters.

The sheep-turned Filipinos became fair game to their shepherds, who led them every which way they pleased, especially on the way to the election precincts. The candle-lighters were alarmed and tried to awaken them from their stupor. The candle-lighters pointed out that by their meek acquiescence they were emboldening the head shepherd, Ferdinand Marcos, to lead them to a corral called martial law.

They sounded alarm

Ninoy Aquino, Raul Manglapus, Jose Diokno, Lorenzo Tañada, the Jesuit fathers Pacifico Ortiz and Joe Blanco, former priests [illegible] de la Torre and Ed Garcia, Evelio Javier and Ed Jopson, and many others sounded the alarms at the impending darkness that was closing in. But the sheep neither cursed nor lighted a candle, didn't listen.

Twisted

In fact by a twist of irony, they perverted the very motto that produced modern heroes and dismissed the candle-lighters by saying "Don't curse the darkness; light a candle!"

They didn't see that to protest against forces of darkness was to light a candle.

So it came to pass that early on a Saturday, 22 September 1972, the Filipino people awoke to the strains of martial law, signed and proclaimed the night before, while all the candle-lighters were hauled off to the military camps.

The moral of this story: you must learn how to distinguish between the darkness and the forces of darkness. Protest and legitimate criticism against the forces of darkness is the candle you light to hold back the darkness and to warn the forces of darkness that they can't sneak up on you.

Rage against the forces of darkness! That's how you light a candle. If you don't light a candle, you'll make it easy for the forces to sneak up on you like Marcos did the night he signed Proclamation 1081.

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US air strike on Taliban fighters kills 8 civilians

KABUL—At least eight civilians were among those killed in a US air strike in Afghanistan's southern province of Zabul that also killed a Taliban commander, an Afghan official said on Saturday.

The civilians, nomad women and children, died in their beds when a bomb landed on their tent in Zabul's Naw Bahar district on Wednesday night, Mohammad Omar, the deputy governor of Zabul, said.

He said Mohammad Gul Neyazi, a top commander of the Taliban, and another Taliban guerrilla were also killed during the attack in the remote district near the border with Pakistan.

"The figure I have for the civilian death toll is at least eight," Omar said. "The Taliban commander and his friend were apparently using a satellite phone, the signal of which was detected by American planes which then carried out the attack."

The US military said on Thursday that air strikes by US-led forces had killed 11 Taliban fighters in the previous three days in the southern provinces of Kandahar and Zabul.

The strikes were part of "Operation Mountain Viper," launched in August in response to the presence of hundreds of Taliban guerrillas and their allies in Uruzgan and Zabul provinces.

Maj. Ralph Marino, a US military spokesperson in Afghanistan, said he had no information as to civilian deaths, when asked about the report from Zabul on Saturday.

According to Afghan officials, more than 120 Taliban guerrillas have been killed since the start of Operation Mountain Viper, mainly in air attacks.

Omar said government troops and soldiers from the US-led foreign force in Afghanistan were hunting Taliban fugitives in several districts of Zabul on Saturday, but added that he did not have details.

In a notorious friendly fire incident in July last year, a US helicopter attack launched in error on a wedding party in Uruzgan province killed 40 Afghan civilians.

No legal action has been taken in that case, but the US air force said in July that a pilot who bombed Canadian troops in Afghanistan and killed four in April last year would face a court-martial for dereliction of duty.

Remnants of Taliban have recently stepped up attacks against coalition forces, which are battling Taliban and al-Qaida fighters who are believed to have scattered across much of Afghanistan.

US-led forces ousted the Taliban from power in Afghanistan in late 2001 because of their alliance with al-Qaida.

Meanwhile, in Zadi Dhushph district, 40 km west of Kandahar, suspected Taliban or al-Qaida gunmen killed a district police chief late Friday, district government head Haji Abdul Ghani said.

The police commander, Haji Fardar Mohammad, was in his vehicle with two bodyguards when it came under fire, Ghani said. His two guards were wounded. The gunmen escaped. *Reuters, AP*

Suu Kyi recovering well after surgery, says doc

RANGOON—Burma's detained pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi was recovering very well Saturday, a day after undergoing major surgery, her personal physician Tin Myo Win said.

"Her condition is stable. She is recovering very well. Today we started to give her a liquid diet and I hope that by tomorrow we can give her a full normal diet," the doctor told reporters.

"Today she was up walking around and is recovering very satisfactorily."

Tin Myo Win, who led the team that carried out the operation at the privately run Asia Royal hospital in Rangoon, declined to specify what the procedure was on ethical grounds, but described it as "semi-urgent."

"We decided on the operation as the patient's prevailing health called for it. This can be described as semi-urgent," said the doctor, who had earlier said the surgery was gynaecological but was also necessary to treat other conditions.

"The operation has cleared up everything," he added.

He denied rumors that the Nobel peace laureate may have been diagnosed with cancer.

"She is completely free of cancer. This I can say with complete certainty after the findings made during the surgery," he said, adding that they were performing necessary tests to confirm his findings.

The diminutive Aung San Suu Kyi has been held incommunicado by Burma's (Myanmar's) military rulers at a secret location since being detained during May 30 violence between her supporters and a junta-backed mob. *AFP*

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Finalists will be announced on the week of 17-21 November 2003 and will be asked to submit full proposals and participate in an exhibit and Knowledge Forum on 9-10 January 2004 at the Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City. A board of distinguished jurors will determine the winners.

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UN General Assembly tells Israel to drop its threat to kill Arafat

UNITED NATIONS—The UN General Assembly on Friday overwhelmingly passed a resolution calling on Israel to drop its threat to "remove" Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Three days after the United States vetoed an almost identical measure at the Security Council, the assembly adopted the resolution with a vote of 133 in favor and four against. Fifteen nations abstained.

The United States and Israel both voted against the resolution, which was changed by the European Union during Friday's emergency debate to include mention of both Palestinian suicide attacks and Israeli targeted killings.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli government spokesman said the resolution was "meaningless." Assembly resolutions are not legally binding like those of the council, and cannot be vetoed.

ARAFAT

But the United States used its council veto on Tuesday to block a resolution criticizing Israel for planning to drive Arafat into exile. Israel unveiled the plan after two new Palestinian suicide attacks last week.

US ambassador John Negroponte said that resolution was "unbalanced" because it did not condemn Palestinian militant groups, and on Friday he took aim at what he called the UN's "pattern of one-sided recriminations."

"I regret that the United Nations will not send a positive and unified message to support the peace process," he said.

Both Israel and the United States say Arafat has undermined the Middle East's "road map" peace plan and US President George W. Bush on Thursday urged the Palestinians to oust him as their elected leader.

"Mr. Arafat has failed," Bush said. "The people of the Palestinian territory must understand that, if they want peace, they must have leadership that is absolutely 100 percent committed to fighting off terror."

In the halls of the General Assembly—where Bush will come next week to ask the world body for international help in Iraq—nation after nation spoke up Friday against the Israeli threat and the US veto at the council.

Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa, the UN ambassador from Sudan, which currently its chairman of the UN's Arab bloc, said the United States "could have sent a positive signal" by not vetoing the first resolution.

"But it chose... to slow down the peace process with its blind support of Israel," he said.

Dan Gillerman, the Israeli UN envoy, said Arafat's leadership had been a "tragedy" for the Palestinian people. "He represents the Palestinians' dark past rather than the bright future they could have," Gillerman said. *AFP*

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'Isabel' leaves 21 dead, damage worth billions

WASHINGTON—Hurricane "Isabel" left at least 21 people dead, millions without power and an insurance bill of several billion dollars in its devastating wake across the eastern United States Friday.

The storm also caused widespread transport havoc and kept the federal government closed for a second day.

Downgraded to a tropical storm late Thursday, Isabel toppled thousands of trees and power lines in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Washington after landfall Thursday, packing 160-km-an-hour winds at its peak.

The storm moved north into Canada Friday as a massive clean-up operation got underway, but dozens of flights remained cancelled after an estimated 1,500 were called off the day Isabel hit.

Most of the 21 deaths were caused by traffic accidents as trees and electricity poles were felled by the storm.

Virginia was the worst-hit state, with fourteen fatalities reported by the state's Department of Emergency Management.

One power worker in North Carolina was electrocuted as he tried to reconnect supplies at a power substation in driving rain, a woman was crushed to death in her car by a tree and two people died in Maryland as a result of the storm.

A man in Maryland was killed when his car was struck by a falling power pole.

In Pennsylvania, a man was killed when his car was blown off the road in the strong winds and a man drowned off the coast of Rhode Island after being swept from the shore by high waves.

More than 2.7 million people remained without power Friday including 1.5 million in Virigina, over 450,000 in North Carolina, 200,000 in Pennsylvania and thousands across in Maryland, greater Washington and West Virginia.

Virginia's Dominion Power said it could take up to a week to get all its customers reconnected.

"This outage is the worst in Virginia's history," said Jimmy Staton, a Dominion senior vice president.

Utilities warned people not to touch downed power lines, especially in flooded areas.

Companies handed out dry ice to the public to help preserve food. In Virginia, some district authorities advised the public to boil water before drinking because of possible contamination. *AFP*

WORLDBRIEFS

Koizumi reelected

TOKYO—Reformist Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi was reelected by a landslide as head of Japan's ruling party on Saturday, enabling him to keep the premiership and lead his coalition into a general election as early as November. The win also paved the way for a cabinet shake-up that will provide clues to how hard he plans to push his agenda of reforms aimed at curbing Japan's massive public debt, curing its ailing banks and getting the economy on track for a long-term recovery. "This party election was a step to turn the party into a party truly of the people and truly of reform," a forceful-sounding Koizumi told lawmakers after his victory. Koizumi beat three challengers, all of whom had criticized his tight fiscal stance and urged the government spend more to boost the long-stagnant economy—now showing signs of recovery. He won 399 of 657 votes up for grabs. *Reuters*

Saddam minister surrenders

BAGHDAD—The defense minister of ousted Iraqi president Saddam Hussein surrendered to US forces Friday, as 55 Iraqis were captured following an ambush near the deposed leader's hometown that killed three American soldiers. The surrender brought to 40 the number of most-wanted Iraqi officials killed or in US custody, and and provided some bright news for US forces hit by a string of attacks since the release of a new purported resistance message from Saddam. "Sultan Hashem Ahmad al-Jabburi al-Tai, number 27 on the coalition's list of (55) most wanted government officials, is now under custody of coalition forces," a US Central Command statement said. statement made no mention of any such deal. *AFP*

California recall poll

LOS ANGELES—A US appeals court agreed Friday to reconsider its disputed delay of California's historic vote next month on whether to oust the state's embattled governor. The decision marked the latest twist in the turmoil surrounding the vote. Republican movie icon Arnold Schwarzenegger hopes to replace incumbent Democrat Gray Davis as governor of the most populous US state. A three-judge panel postponed the Oct. 7 polls in a hearing Monday without setting a new date. On Friday, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said an expanded bench of judges would hear the appeal. A decision could come by Wednesday, less than two weeks ahead of Oct. 7. Eleven judges will review the decision that triggered a political earthquake in California as it stood poised to vote on whether to recall Davis. Some 133 candidates are contesting the polls that have thrown an international spotlight on California. *AFP*

US sanctions on China

WASHINGTON—The United States on Friday imposed sanctions on the Chinese government and a state-run Chinese firm for allegedly selling advanced missile technology to an unnamed country, the State Department said. Although the purchasing country was not named, the company in question—China North Industries Inc.—has been penalized by the United States in the past and, as recently as July, for such sales to Iran. However, some of Friday's sanctions—imposed under the US Arms Control Export Act—also apply to the Chinese government, the State Department said in a notice published in the Federal Register. *AFP*

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18	13-05928-A	13	7	*	U. NORTE	IMP	RES.	D-126-02432	MUHAMMAD ALI-DIMAPORO	1997-03(1-2)	629,176.47	
19	13-09001-1001-181	C3C4	UNIT-8-C	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02642	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	98,096.75	25597
20	13-09001-1001-191	C3C4	UNIT-10-A	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02652	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	1,405,158.30	25607
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27	16-00198-1001-357	14	S-20	*	QUADRANGLE	IMP	RES.	D-110-03803	NEW SAN JOSE BUILDERS	1999-03-(1-2)	70,272.88	
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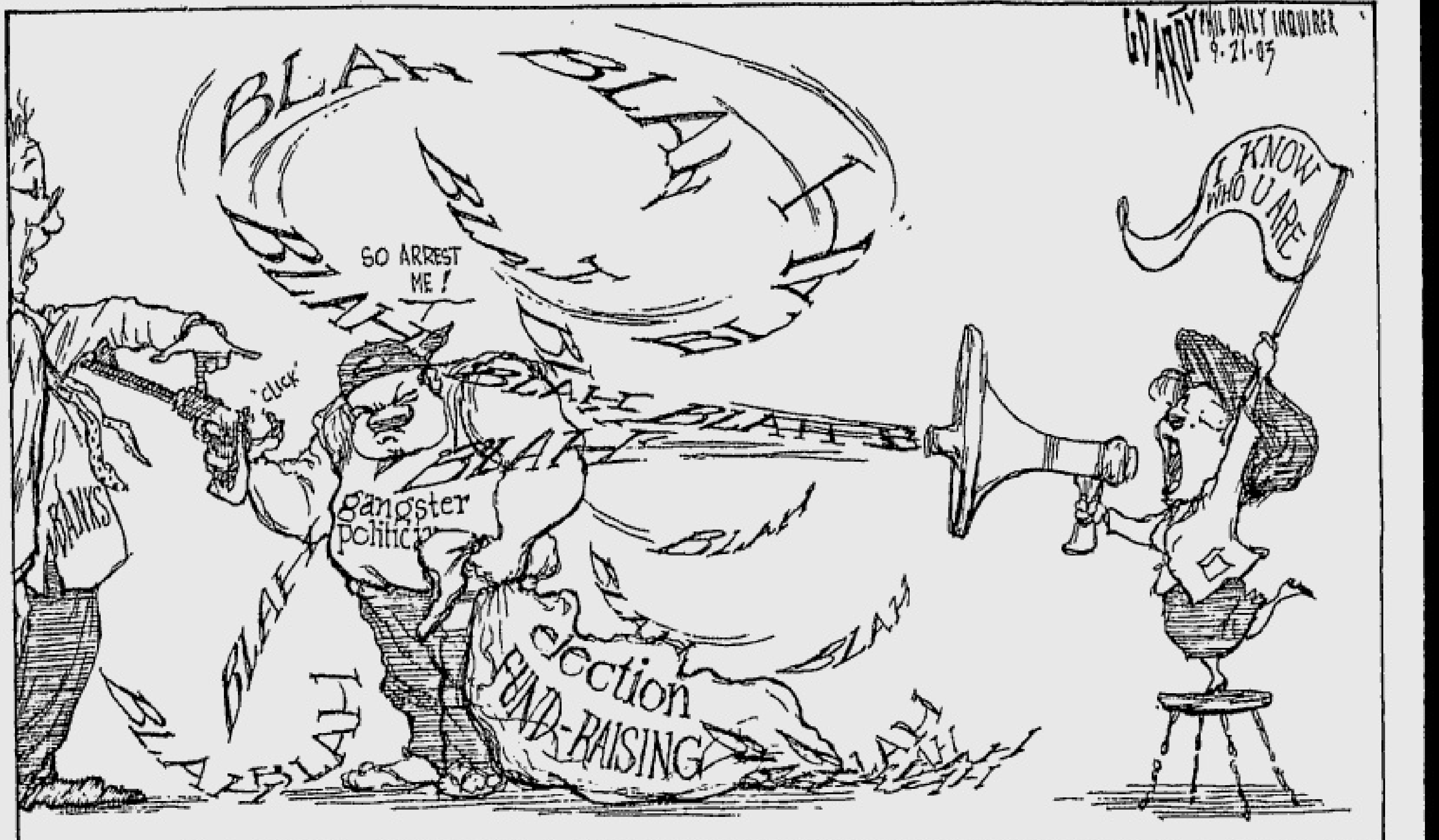

No man's land

Editorial

THE PRESIDENT leaves tomorrow for what she has herself described as "no man's land"—the beachhead in the military operation to recapture Indonesian terrorist Fathur Rohman Al-Ghozi. This is unfortunate, because we think the decision is a serious mistake. Like the Macapagal administration's short-lived war on the business community in the immediate aftermath of the Magdalo mutiny, the decision is impulsive, unnecessary and just plain wrong. President Macapagal-Arroyo will gain nothing from it.

If the Jemaah Islamiyah bomb-maker is already in the custody of the Armed Forces, and the trip to the remote town of Tungawan in the Zamboanga peninsula is merely part of an elaborate photo opportunity, the public will find out sooner rather than later. Whatever publicity value the recovery of Al-Ghozi in these circumstances will generate, will be drowned in the inevitable tidal wave of outrage.

If, as seems more likely, the AFP has its best lead on the fugitive who escaped from Philippine National Police headquarters in Camp Crame last July, and the President merely wants to exhort the troops closing in on him, Ms Macapagal's presence in the field will only serve to distract, rather than concentrate, the soldiers' attention.

Opposition Sen. Sergio Osmeña III criticized the President's planned visit as "pure gimmickry." Osmeña, who ran for reelection in May 2001 with the President's People Power Coalition, knows a gimmick or two himself, and he is rather too ready to criticize the same people he ran for office with. But on the President's decision to fly straight to Tungawan, where Al-Ghozi was supposed to have been sighted, he is right on the money. "The soldiers will be more preoccupied with securing her than looking for bandits," Osmeña said. "Doesn't she have more important things to do than play policewoman?"

Playing dutiful partner to the United States' global policeman is more like it. The PNP's ineptitude in recapturing its most important terrorist suspect is a continuing source of embarrassment for the government, and the scheduled eight-hour visit of US President George W. Bush next month has only deepened the administration's shame. It is this, the politics of face, that best explains the President's decision to personally lead the search for Al-Ghozi by flying in to Tungawan.

Naturally, the Palace won't admit it. President Macapagal-Arroyo herself told Malacañang reporters on Wednesday night that Al-Ghozi was "an isolated, tactical target" whose recapture had "nothing to do" with Bush's Oct. 18 stopover. On Friday, the President took pains (and mixed metaphors) to put the Al-Ghozi operation in perspective. "Al-Ghozi's capture is a key event but it is not the whole pie of security. Many other pieces have to be put in place."

But the recapture of the person whom some security analysts believe is now the most senior Jemaah Islamiyah operative still at large is, to borrow one of the President's images, evidently the biggest slice of the pie. The evidence is in the decision itself to take the long and winding road to Tungawan.

Ms Macapagal, as even her bitterest critics will admit, is a hard and hands-on worker. Two months after giving PNP chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane a get-Al-Ghozi-or-else order, it is becoming clear that she has made up her mind to take the next step. That next step, as anyone familiar with her work habits can guess, is her personal involvement in the problem. (Apparently, ex-defense chief Angelo Reyes did not invent "micromanagement," but imbibed it from his commander in chief.)

But if the Indonesian terrorist is only a tactical target, why get personally involved in the first place? Because for a staunch member of the US-led international coalition on terror, Al-Ghozi's recapture is about as strategic as it can get.

The irony is, by going to Tungawan, the President will make her soldiers' task harder, not easier. Close-in security duties, ceremonial rites, speeches in a jungle clearing: these are about as effective in recapturing Al-Ghozi as Bush's flight-uniform photo op on an aircraft carrier was in ending the hostilities in Iraq.

Trivialities

Separate Opinion

Isagani A. Cruz

TODAY, let us forget the plummeting peso and the Mike Arroyo-Ping Lacson tiff and the bank robberies in broad daylight. Let us enjoy a brief respite from the problems of the country and relax to consider trivial things. Like the following banalities.

Consider first the word "actually." Have you ever noticed how the local entertainment industry is over-using it *ad nauseam*? Listen to an interview of a movie or television starlet and you can bet ten-to-one she will begin her first answer with "Actually…" She will then pepper her remarks with that word as if piously reciting a mantra.

It seems to be a compulsion of her trade that reflects a limited grasp of the English language. It also suggests a deliberate affectation, probably in the belief that the use of the word would give the speaker some class as a conversationalist. I have become so irritated with the word that I have consciously avoided using it so as not to be mistaken for a show-biz character.

If you've watched local films often enough, you must now be familiar with the phrase, "*Siya nga pala*" that's always in the script. I don't know why, but the writers seem to believe that it is essential to every dialogue in the local dialect. It may also suggest that the actor does not think ahead but always remembers a thought only as it suddenly occurs to him. Everything is accidental and incidental.

The phrase, by the way, translates to "by the way" or "now that I remember it." Like "*siya nga pala, pumuputok and bulkan*" "*Siya nga pala, binaril and Pangulo.*" "*Siya nga pala, nanalo ako ng dalawampung milyon sa* lotto." All ideas are "by the way," including the earth-shaking.

And then, of course, there is the inevitable homosexual in the supporting cast. He/she is a must in 99 percent of Filipino movies, with the remaining 1 percent likely to be a box-office dud. The obvious thinking among the producers is that it is only the pictures with *bading* that will sell because they provide the needed comic relief from the heavy drama. The director without his *bakla* does not know the tricks of his trade.

Why the homo will demean himself with his antics may be due to the mindless *bakya* crowd. They will roll in the aisles at the sight of the buffoon who thinks he is contributing to human happiness by spoofing his gender. He is in comfortable company because of the presence, even domination, of limp-wrist directors, agents, and *alalays* in the entertainment business.

I respect show-biz people in general as such but not when they think they can be something else, like senators. The quality of the Senate is bad enough as it is to be further debilitated with the intrusion of more incompetents who believe their election by the *masa* makes them qualified legislators. Any natural-born Filipino who is at least 35 years old, is a registered voter and has resided in this country for not less that two years is qualified to be elected senator. But that does not necessarily qualify him to be a senator.

And now that the Overseas Absentee Voting Act has been "legitimized" by the Supreme Court, how will the Commission on Elections prevent election irregularities in our foreign diplomatic stations where the voting will be conducted? How will it police the prohibited campaigning, vote-buying, tampering of ballots and falsification of returns? If these anomalies can be wantonly committed here, how can they be avoided abroad beyond the not-so-watchful eye of the Commission?

Still on elections, who can deny that the campaign for 2004 has already begun? The campaign periods for the various elective offices will start only next year, but the candidates are already violating the ban. All re-electionist mayors in Metro Manila have installed their massive portraits to adorn their respective cities. Soon there will be streamers wishing voters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, which really say Vote for Me Again.

President GMA is also already campaigning although not directly. At the instance of you-know-who, streamers have sprouted in Manila urging her to reconsider her announcement not to run, and run. The message is clumsily painted on cheap cloth to make it look like the appeal of the poor people to their beloved leader. If she does change her mind—and she will—she can always say she is merely yielding to the cry of the masses.

Back to the movies, why is it that while the setting is local and the script in the vernacular, the credits are in English? It stars So and So, is produced by This and directed by That—all this in English—but the film unravels in Tagalog until The End. And why must they imitate everything Hollywood does like our Supreme Court still obeying American jurisprudence as if we were still a US colony? So the Yankees have "American Pie" and "American Pie 2," and naturally we must have our own "Pinay Pie."

We beat them, however, when it comes to politics because we have an expelled movie actor president, television bozos, idiot board anchor people, basketball players and suspected drug-traffickers in our Senate, and religious groups selling their blessings to candidates with the highest bids. Their own politics is not that murky or silly.

Teacher is the child…

Moments

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a little boy who was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother was anxious how her little boy would fare out. On the day the parts were awarded, the little boy rushed up to her mom shining with pride and excitement and shouted: "Guess what, Mom? I've been chosen to clap and cheer!"

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There is so much we adults can learn from children. In today's Gospel (Mk 9, 30-37) Jesus chided his disciples who were so engrossed on the issue as to who of them was the greatest. Sounds familiar? With the elections coming up next year, what do we hear all around us nowadays? Nobody wants to just clap and cheer. Everybody wants to be clapped and cheered for!

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Unahan. Me first. We see this everywhere in the Philippines. In waiting for a ride, in falling in line at the grocery, even in receiving Holy Communion! Is it just culture? Is it basic insecurity? Is it plain greed? Whatever. It is a sad commentary about us, the only Christian nation in Asia that has not quite imbibed Jesus' mandate of love.

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Even in religion, there are some who claim that they are the most deserving to go to Heaven, and proceed to look down and even despise others who are not of their kin and kind. The Lord, who said "If anyone wishes to be the first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," must be shaking His head in disappointment when He looks at us today.

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Let's not even talk of love. Let's talk about respect first. Or being civil. In Korea, where I spent four years as a missionary, I experienced basic discipline and adherence to law and order. There is respect for civil and religious leaders and elders. The "you first" spirit permeates their culture and their way of doing things. Even in "drinking" sessions, one has to be on the lookout to pour drink for others. It is impolite for one to pour a drink for oneself. Here? Each to his own, and each on his own.

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Last Sept. 7, 2003, I had Fatima, the 10-year-old girl, on Sunday TV Mass. During the homily, I asked this blind 10-year-old-girl who undergoes dialysis five times daily what her message is for our government officials. In a very casual and very natural way, she simply blurted out that her wish is that there will be a better tomorrow for our suffering people, and that "*sana wala nang kurakot sa mga nakaupo sa gobyerno.*" (No more corruption in government!) This, she said before red-faced government officials who earlier were jockeying for the front seats so as to have maximum exposure on television! God spoke in a very powerful way that morning through a frail, little child.

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I can understand that there can be power play and even maneuvering in government, but in the Church? That for me, is hard to understand.

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Every child born in this world is a beautiful soul. Too bad they are corrupted already even before they are born. I plead to parents to spare the children of unnecessary hurts and pains. And to learn from children. There is so much to be remembered and to be reminded of if only we really listen to them. Next time you encounter a child, stop, look and really listen. God is speaking. Teacher is the child.

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Children look up to us adults. They need heroes to look up to. Never mind heroes. They just need someone to look up to. There is this beautiful story about a barefooted boy looking at a pair of shoes peering through a shop window one cold winter morning. A lady took him in, washed his feet, put on a new pair of socks and purchased for him his desired pair of shoes. As she turned to go, the astonished boy caught her by the hand, and looked up to her face, with tears in his eyes and asked the lady in a soft voice: "Are you God's wife?" Fellow adults, children don't need our money, our positions, our power. They need our love. They need our good examples.

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On Oct. 5 this year, Blessed Arnold Janssen, SVD, Blessed Joseph Freinademetz, SVD, and Blessed Daniel Comboni will be canonized in Rome. These, three men who were considered as "fools" in their lifetime, encountered many trials and persecutions, but they held on to their childlike faith in God. They were adults who were not adulterated by ambition, greed and positions. They remained humble, obedient and trusting like a child.

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There is a visionary in Naju, South Korea who continues to spread the messages of the Blessed Mother, in spite of oppositions and persecutions. Julia Kim, a victim soul, has healed so many people by her own sufferings. I have experienced many "miracles" with her, but what strikes me is her humility, availability, childlike simplicity and joy! Meeting Julia is always a beautiful encounter. It is like being embraced by the Blessed Mother. Join me in a pilgrimage to Naju on Oct. 20-25, 2003. For inquiries, call 7217457 and 5238581 to 88.

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A moment with the Lord

Lord, help me to grow up as an adult and to grow on as a child, your child. Amen.

My uncle, Tata Cornelio

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

WHOEVER came up with the idea of bringing retired officers to Malacañang with manifestoes of support for President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is completely out of touch with reality. Remember that last July, GMA met with members of PMA classes 1994 and 1995. A few days later, the Oakwood incident took place. It's the fellows who don't attend these meetings that are unpredictable and public manifestoes by retired officers will not substantially change their outlook. I also do not agree that Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV should be removed from the PMA Alumni Association. Trillanes and his group would have to face the consequences of their actions but they remain members of the association.

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In the last days of his administration, just before turning over the presidency to Ferdinand Marcos, President Diosdado Macapagal scribbled this short note to Cornelio Balmaceda, his Secretary of Commerce and Industry.

Malacañang Palace
1965
Hon. Cornelio Balmaceda
Secretary of Commerce and Industry

Dear Secretary Balmaceda,

You have been a model member of my cabinet for integrity, efficiency and loyalty. Your crowning achievement was the establishment of the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines. Posterity will remember you as one of the greatest administrators in our government and as one of our greatest citizens.

(sgd.) Diosdado Macapagal

For his singular achievement (the ADB Project), Balmaceda was also honored with the Presidential Award of Merit by President Macapagal.

Last Monday, we marked his 107th birth anniversary with a book launching: "Cornelio Balmaceda, A Legacy of Honor and Integrity" by Gloria Balmaceda Gozum. Glory is the fifth child of Cornelio and Monica Balmaceda. She graduated from the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor of Arts major in English and has a Masters in Speech Communications from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Her father's story is told as only a loving daughter can.

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Cornelio Balmaceda was the eldest of five children, four of whom died in their infancy—a testament to the high infant mortality rate in those days. He was born on Sept. 15, 1896 in Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, a year which witnessed two great events in the history of our nation: The Cry of Balintawak, and the martyrdom of Jose Rizal. His parents, Santos Balmaceda and Crispina Agor, were farmers who worked on small parcels of land, growing rice and vegetable crops.

Because of the death of her other children, his mother became overprotective of Cornelio and refused to let him work on the farm. Instead, she encouraged him to concentrate on his studies, hoping that one day he would be able to pursue a college education. After three years of high school in Laoag, the provincial capital, he left for Manila to finish his last year at the newly opened Manila High School. He would travel to Manila by boat, from the port of Currimao bringing along a few things, including a fork and a spoon which he took with him whenever he left home.

With a high school diploma, a good working knowledge of English and some typing skills, Balmaceda applied for a job at the Manila Times, an American daily run by American journalists. He was accepted and joined the first group of Filipino newspapermen who wrote in English. The others were Pedro Villanueva, a sports reporter, Bernardo Garcia and Crispin Gonzales. The regular job enabled him to enroll in the College of Liberal Arts in the University of the Philippines, where he became the campus city editor of Varsity News (now the Philippine Collegian) with Carlos P. Romulo as the editor in chief.

In 1918, Balmaceda graduated from the State University with a degree of Bachelor of Arts.

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A year after, Cornelio Balmaceda was given the assignment of interviewing Filipinos coming from abroad. On board the ocean liner, Empress of Asia, was a young lady who had just finished two years of nursing studies in Chicago. Monica Jamias had volunteered for duty with the Philippine National Guard contingent being sent to France to fight in World War I. The Armistice ended the conflict before she could be assigned to field hospitals in France, and so she returned home. She became the subject of a feature article by Balmaceda entitled "In the Vanguard of the Fair Sex."

They were married on Nov. 10, 1919. Monica's younger sister, Filipinas, would marry Modesto Farolan, my father.

In 1922, Balmaceda graduated from Harvard with an MBA, majoring in foreign trade, one of the first Filipinos to attend this prestigious Ivy League school. Some 30 years later, he would return as Secretary of Commerce and Industry to address a gathering of alumni from different states and other countries.

Shortly after the death of President Manuel Roxas, his successor, President Elpidio Quirino, appointed Balmaceda as Secretary of Commerce and Industry. It was during his term that the country staged the first Philippine International Fair in 1953 with the first Ms Universe, Armi Kuusela of Finland, gracing the opening ceremonies. Vicky Quirino assisted by Mrs. Monica Balmaceda, would cut the ceremonial ribbon.

In 1962, when Diosdado Macapagal became the fifth President of the Republic, Cornelio Balmaceda was asked once again to serve in government. After stints as chair of the National Economic Council and acting Secretary of Finance, he took over his old post as Secretary of Commerce and Industry.

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Tata Cornelio passed away on April 17, 1982, barely four weeks after his wife's death. It was "the end of an era marked for its dedication, diligence, distinct honor and integrity."

Then and now: Never again!

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

GUESTING on "Breakfast" last Friday and asked to talk about my martial law experiences, I was brought up short when host Bam Aquino inquired: "You were a young wife and mother when martial law was declared, right?" "Bam *naman*," I said, "I was just a college freshman then!"

I may have been just a freshman, but by Sept. 21, 1972, I already had about two years of activism tucked in my mini-skirt, and Lord knows how many hundreds of kilometers trod in marches and rallies and pickets. Compelled to look back on those days, I couldn't help marveling at how easily and painlessly I and my fellow activists could march the distance from "Welcome" Rotunda in España to Plaza Miranda (yes, it was still the site of most public demonstrations then) and back. We marched and rallied on an almost weekly basis, and ran away from police truncheons as often. Never really athletic, I can say that whatever level of fitness I may enjoy today is due to those youthful exertions. At least I have something to thank the Marcoses for, right? Giving us so many reasons to march and rally and shout ourselves hoarse?

It was strictly a time for remembering those "days of disquiet, nights of rage," to borrow the title of Pete Lacaba's book on the First Quarter Storm, for the "young middle-aged" crowd at "1081: Rakrakan para sa Kalayaan." The free concert, produced by pagbabago@pilipinas, was meant to awaken awareness among today's youth about the realities of martial law and dispel whatever romantic notions they may have been harboring about how "effective" military rule, led by a dictator, could be, as the findings of a recent survey reveal.

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SO if nostalgia ruled the hearts and minds of the senior members of the audience, my hope is that illumination filled those among the audience who had not yet been born, or were just children, during martial law.

The excerpts from the excellent documentary "Batas Militar" were especially enlightening, summing up, with vintage footage and heart-rending personal interviews, a time of great pain, deception, extraordinary courage and naked force. So were the personal testimonials, from Juvy, who had been detained and tortured for five years, and even from VJ Ala, daughter of Apo's Jim Paredes, who mentioned how her grandmother, Ester Misa Jimenez, had actually been arrested, detained and sentenced to death for her involvement in the anti-Marcos movement, and spared only by Edsa.

Congratulations, then, to the performers: Aegis, Freddie Aguilar and Watawat, Apo Hiking Society, Heber Bartolome, Noel Cabangon, Cambio, Mike Hanopol, Leah Navarro, Radha, Silent Sanctuary, Sound, Sugarfree, Renz Verano and White Forum. Credit should also go to the hosts: Leah, who aside from producing and hosting also belted out medleys from "Tales of the Manuvu" and Sampaguita's songs; VJ Ala; Anthony Pangilinan; and the APO guys.

Thanks also to the concert sponsors: National Transmission Corp., Peace and Equity Foundation, Spirit of Edsa Foundation, City of Makati, and Nestlé Philippines.

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AS usual, setting the tone and meaning of the night's events was Mario Taguiwalo, whose talk, or excerpts of it, I am reprinting below:

"Good evening, you lucky Filipinos, living in freedom and democracy today, free to do great things or stupid things of your choice, enjoying democracy even for the desperate. We are indeed lucky Filipinos.

"We live in terrible times. Life is hard and it hardly seems to get better. Money is short and hope is even more scarce.

"Yet it might be raining troubles today, but there was a time when we were in the midst of a flood of problems. It might seem like nothing works for us these days, but there was a time when everything worked against us. It might seem that our government cannot be trusted these days, but there was a time when our government was really out to get us. It might seem that our police and military cannot seem to do right these days, but there was a time when they were terribly efficient in doing wrong.

"Yes, my dear lucky Filipinos, there was a time, more than 30 years ago, when we were not so lucky, when a shitload of really heavy bad things descended upon our beautiful country. There was a time when our government did not only fail us, but really oppressed, attacked and hounded us.

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"SO let me ask all of us here today to shout with me—Never Again! Let us shout really loud so that those intending to be future dictators can hear us—Never Again!

"There was a time when we were a nation of 80 million cowards and one son-of-a-bitch dictator. But, *mga pare at mare*, Never Again!

"There was a time when a Japanese tourist told us that we are a rucky people because we have a President who robs us and a First Lady who robs us even more. But, my friends, Never Again!

"There was a time when our sisters were raped, our brothers murdered, our fathers imprisoned, our mothers did not stop crying, and we ourselves were paralyzed by fear. But *mga kababayan ko*, Never Again!

"There was a time when soldiers cut the the long hair of young men against their will. But for those among us who love their hair long, we say, Never Again!

"There was time when the brains of a Science High student got scattered on the streets by an exploding pillbox. Those of us who still have our brains, we cry, Never Again!

"There was time when we were immobilized by threat, when we did not know what to believe, when we thought that fear, ignorance and intimidation would never end. But now we know, Never Again!

"Finally, there was a time we could hardly muster the courage to protest, when we could hardly find the strength to be outraged, when we thought each of us were alone against the terrible machinery of oppression. But now we are sure, Never Again!"

Pidal, Lacson and the battle against corruption

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IF the President's husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, is truly not the owner of the Jose Pidal accounts, then the more details his brother Ignacio can share about these accounts the better. Ignacio, who came forward of his own volition to claim the fictitious name Jose Pidal, has to prove he is really the owner of these accounts. Invoking his right to privacy at this stage is politically counterproductive. It fuels public speculation that he is trying to protect the "real" Jose Pidal, the First Gentleman, and his sister-in-law, the President.

The ownership of fictitious accounts by persons of power, though not illegal before the passage of the anti-money laundering law, automatically calls to mind the scandal of the Jose Velarde accounts, which in December 2000 turned the tide against Joseph Estrada. It conjures images of large-scale corruption. The association may be unfair because no one has proven at this point that the Jose Pidal accounts were being used to launder ill-gotten wealth. In law, the burden of the proof rests with the accuser, but unfortunately this is not so in politics.

The first time the name Jose Pidal came out in the news, the First Gentleman staunchly denied knowing and using the name. After his younger brother came out to claim he had indeed used Jose Pidal in some of his banking and investment transactions before 2001, Mike Arroyo quietly changed his story and acknowledged he knew all along that his brother Ignacio had once used the name. When pressed for details about the Pidal accounts, he excused himself saying the right person to ask would be his brother. Yet, when he appeared before the Senate, Ignacio Arroyo refused to go beyond saying he was Jose Pidal. Repeatedly invoking his right to privacy, he refused to answer further questions about these accounts.

From a purely political standpoint, it is too late for him to adopt this legal strategy. His lawyers might buy him time by moving the issue to the courts, but the political damage has been done. It can only be reversed if he can persuade the public that he owns these controversial accounts and that the money that went through them came from legitimate business. The longer he fails to provide convincing evidence he is Jose Pidal, the more the public will think he is being used to conceal the real owner.

The President's party cannot pretend this is not affecting her moral stature and credibility as leader of the nation. No one believes she is unaware of the financial dealings of her husband. Therefore it is silly to suggest she might be able to shield herself from the fallout from her husband's troubles by legally separating from him. Mike Arroyo's troubles are very much the President's as well.

One would have thought that, if Mike Arroyo is Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's weakest link, everything should have been done to keep him away from the government and the public eye when she became President. This is very important in view of the peculiar circumstances that led Ms Macapagal to the presidency. She had succeeded to the office on the back of a popular mass action that forced a sitting president out of office because of corruption and incompetence. While the Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled on the legality of her assumption of the presidency, her political legitimacy is not as secure. More than any other previous president's term, hers carries the special obligation to make a difference by being morally ascendant and by actively fighting corruption. For by this thin thread alone hangs her political claim to the office.

Be that as it may, Sen. Panfilo Lacson's sensationalized privilege speeches do not justify either a call for the President's resignation or a military intervention. The senator has offered nothing but dubious photocopies and photographs to prove his accusations. In fact, by mixing innuendos about corruption with suggestions of an illicit affair involving Mike Arroyo and his financial officer, Lacson has done the battle against corruption a great disservice. Wittingly or unwittingly, he has only encouraged the cynical view that every move against corruption is nothing but political gimmickry. Coming from Lacson, the Jose Pidal exposé reeked of politics. It is sad that the Senate would allow itself to become a forum for this thinly veiled assault on the First Gentleman.

Lacson is not a credible warrior against corruption. If the nation is looking for a new leader to spearhead a cultural turn toward a new ethic of governance, it cannot do worse than choose someone like Lacson. While projecting himself to be non-political, the man deploys the most vicious weapons in politics like a ruthless pro. In an earlier age, he could well be the leader of a tribe, but nothing qualifies him to be the president of a nation aspiring to be a modern democracy.

The battle against corruption is a struggle for a new public culture, one that is based on the norms of legal rationality rather than on the contingencies of personal morality. It is waged primarily in the public sphere because its foundation is the public interest. It does not encroach into the private life of persons, including public officials, unless it can be shown that their behavior in private is injurious to the public interest.

Only by making a careful distinction between law and morality can we preserve the modern character of our state. To confuse the two is to invite a moral fundamentalism that has no place in a complex society.

Plea for self-respect

WE have become a nation of flagellants—those odd fanatics who beat themselves to a pulp on Good Friday and color the Philippine Lenten landscape a distressing, disgusting gory red. What used to be a Lenten spectacle has become a national pastime. It now seems like news is not good enough to make it to the media unless it bears the worst tidings about ourselves, our leaders and our institutions. We have so stirred the cauldron of cynicism that it now froths with the foul brew of utter disrespect for everything that we are as a people and as a nation.

COMMENTARY

Fr. Ranbilio Callangan Aquino

True it is that our legislature has its fair share of jesters, pathetic cretins sitting on chairs too big for their pettiness, whose only idea of governance is bread and circuses. For all the fools, however, who desecrate its august chambers, it remains the legislature of the land, tasked with writing the laws by which society codifies its values and guarantees that we live peaceably with each other. Some honorable men and women do still walk its corridors, whose voices of moderation in cadences measured by insight provide welcome relief from the hysteria of buffoons more often heard and euphemistically called "privilege speeches."

I have only scorn for one adorned by the popular vote—(which can very well be the folly of the herd)—with the title of "senator" who brazenly announces that he does not trust the judicial system, for what business has he invoking the privileges of one who writes law when he scorns the very institutions that render the law socially relevant? I shall, however, continue to show respect to the Congress of the Philippines because we must have laws that command the respect of all.

But the institution that has suffered the unkindness cut of all is the Supreme Court, with its Chief Justice acclaimed not too long ago by one of the country's leading newspapers as "Person of the Year." That was shortly after Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. swore in Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as President of the Republic, and after the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that there was indeed a vacancy in the office of President, and that it had been lawfully filled in by the constitutionally ordained successor. Then, the Supreme Court received accolades for having saved the constitutional institutions of the republic. And the nation apparently agreed. So what has happened since?

Nothing really, except mercenaries have been at work. The fact is that the Supreme Court is now taken to task—and its justices cited in stupid impeachment bids—for the very same deeds that earned it a nation's gratitude and wide encomium not too long ago. So much for the thankfulness of a nation! We soon tired of rallying to the high court of the land—for no other reason than that having a trustworthy institution was not newsworthy—took to our scourges again, and started the gruesome ritual of self-flagellation.

Shorn of all the rhetoric the facts are rather straightforward: Hilario Davide Jr., Chief Justice, was asked by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to administer to her the oath of office of President. He consulted with his colleagues on the high court, and administered the oath. Subsequently, Joseph Estrada questioned the legitimacy of the succession. The case was argued, heard and decided. The high court held that the succession was legitimate, and that Erap was history.

An authority who administers an oath of office does not, by that act of administering the oath, guarantee the legitimacy of the ascent to or acquisition of office. If it were otherwise, anyone administering an oath would be duty-bound to conduct and conclude an inquiry into the legal title to office of anyone to be sworn in—a proposition patently absurd. In fact, it would have been perfectly correct for the Chief Justice to have made the decision to administer the oath by himself. It was not the Supreme Court that was invited to administer the oath—but Davide, as one of its members. GMA could very well have asked a Notary Public to swear her in. That he consulted with the members of the Court who were in the country at that time speaks pages about his prudence and his deference to collegiality. Did he read his Bible before making up his mind—some detail that now seems to be taken against him? Would that every leader did, then probably they would prattle less about the faults of others and be more contrite of their own. Then again, much is made of his supposed remark that he was on his way to administer the oath to the "Acting President." What's the big deal? That is what he thought—albeit mistakenly—at that time of intense excitement and euphoria. When a congressman, on one of his whirlwind tours of his constituency, is asked to swear in a municipal mayor, and he mistakenly tells reporters that he is swearing in a barangay *kagawad*, no one who has not lost his sanity will argue that the mayor is something more than a *kagawad*.

We have always known that our justices are men and women of flesh and bone—with minds as fallible as those of the rest of humankind, but we have always invested our Supreme Court with a mythic magnitude that has allowed us to look up to it with awe as the final arbiter of our disputes and the guardian of that protective fabric of social life we call "the law." Mythic magnitude is not a synonym for illusion or falsehood. It is rather an ascription of loftiness that far exceeds the prowess and talents of any individual—and every civilized nation has lived by its myths. "Sovereignty" is one of them. We invest institutions with mythic magnitude as a way of ascribing greatness to ourselves, as a claim to respectability. We lose our self-respect when we no longer recite to our children the epics of our heroes, and when we have dismantled, stone by stone, every hallowed institution and desecrated and sullied our sacred precincts.

Of course, neither the Church has been spared, and the billows of gossip and idle-talk that have so sadly displaced intelligent discourse and exchange fan every wisp of gossip until even the most sacred of shrines and temples are ablaze—as we stand by with perverse glee!

We can do better than that. We can be resolute in our crusade against the corrupt and the corrupters but we must keep inviolate the heights of Sinai for where we desecrate our holy heights, we have the propensity to fashion for ourselves idols in the image of our own pettiness and mediocrity.

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Have the Marcoses been held accountable?

THE DECLARATION of martial law 31 years ago was supposed to engender a "new society." It did. It brought about kleptocracy, crony capitalism, media repression, mass arrests, salvaging, disappearances, rigged elections, behest loans, and automatic debt servicing, among others.

Seventeen years after the Marcos regime was ousted, its minions have remained unpunished. No comprehensive action for retribution and justice has taken place. Some of the perpetrators have been elected to Congress. Others are living off the wealth they amassed during the Marcos regime.

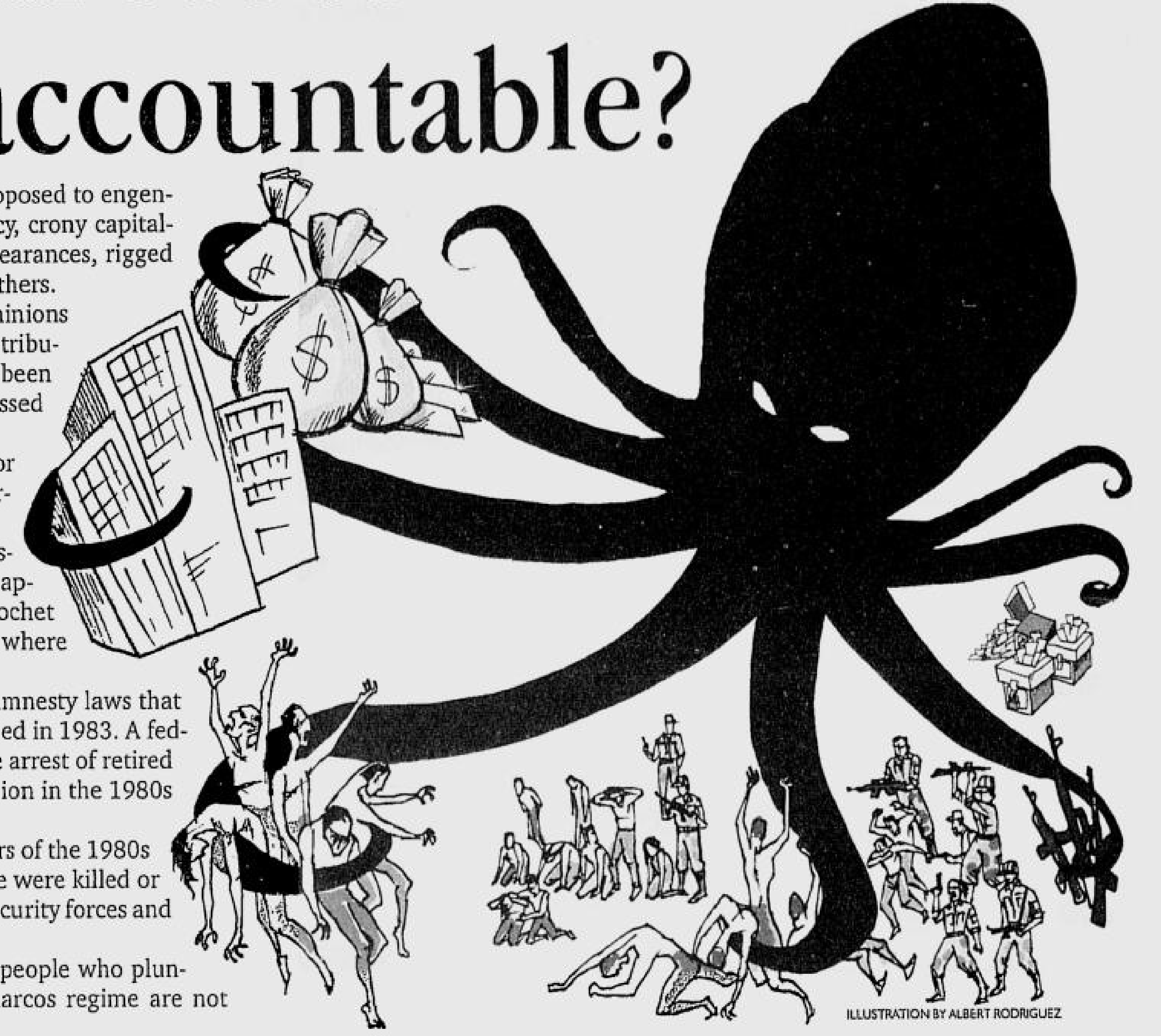
While there are no sincere government attempts at closure for this chapter of our history, other countries once ruled by authoritarian regimes are coming to grips with their past.

President Ricardo Lagos of Chile is proposing a truth commission to look into reports of torture, special judges to find the disappeared, new pensions for the families of victims of the Pinochet regime, and an amnesty program for former soldiers who tell where the bodies are buried.

In Argentina, President Nestor Kirchner has annulled two amnesty laws that the military forced through Congress after the "dirty war" ended in 1983. A federal prosecutor issued two weeks ago 38 new warrants for the arrest of retired military officers in Buenos Aires. The military's brutal repression in the 1980s killed some 30,000 people.

In Peru, the truth commission investigating the guerrilla wars of the 1980s and 1990s reported on Aug. 28 that more than 69,000 people were killed or made to disappear. It pinned the blame on both government security forces and the Shining Path guerilla movement.

Something is terribly wrong with Philippine society when people who plundered the economy and committed atrocities during the Marcos regime are not brought to justice .



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'Never again!'

By Butch Hernandez
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Have the perpetrators of martial law been made answerable for their acts? Let us see.

Consider the Filipino people's martial law legacy:

- Ferdinand Marcos manipulated, subverted and personalized the Armed Forces of the Philippines and integrated the National Police. Today, the military and police have grown so politicized and corrupted that they cannot institutionally internalize their sworn duty to preserve and protect our sovereignty.
- The military and police of the martial law regime used Arrest Search and Seizure Orders, and later the Presidential Commitment Order and Presidential Detention Action to intimidate and repress a helpless citizenry. For some of those who opposed the regime, death was the regime's more expedient solution.
- Today, our military and police are beginning to learn that they exist to guarantee the primacy of the Filipino people's rights and freedoms. The martial law mentality of acquiring power through armed strength and of suppressing dissent still strikes a resonant chord in many of our men in uniform.
- The Marcos regime repeatedly employed a democratic aberration called the civilian assembly to show the international community that it had the people's mandate through a referendum.
- Such civilian assemblies ratified the 1973 Marcos Constitution *viva voce* and gave Marcos the affirmation he sought to continue as President and Prime Minister in 1977 even after the rubber-stamp Batasang Pambansa had already been organized.
- Hence today, the electoral process has degenerated from a truly meaningful expression of democratic principles into a perverse form of popular entertainment, in which the electoral results hold little or no significance for the electorate. How often have you heard the derisive phrase, *"Kahit sino ang manalo, pare-pareho lang lahat iyan!"*
- Crony capitalism, spawned during the Marcos regime, has now become a socially condoned phenomenon. The Marcos regime may be gone, but its corrupt practices remain firmly entrenched in our governance. Monopolies and semi-monopolies, insider trading among cronies and secret bank accounts are but a few notorious examples. Our economy was so utterly plundered that we are still struggling just to meet interest payments on the country's debts.

Other countries like South Africa, Argentina, and Chile sought to heal their damaged societies in the aftermath of autocracy by forming truth commissions so that future generations would remember their pain, hardship and eventual triumph on the road to freedom. Their firm message to their youth:" *Nunca Mas* (Never Again)!"

Our youth, on the other hand, are growing up grossly misled that justice and freedom are luxuries accruing only to the powerful, and that the rest are powerless people being played like pawns by an omnipotent state.

Martial law's victims are not just those who directly faced the inhumanity of the Marcos dictatorship, but entire generations of Filipinos who grew up in Marcos' self-styled New Society, which had little respect for democracy.

Attempt at closure

The Marcos regime stripped us of our respect and dignity as a people. But there has never been any sincere attempt at closure for this period in our history, no serious effort to bring the perpetrators to justice.

This should not have happened.

The more important question is, "what do we do now?"

Edsa I and Edsa II showed people power in its most basic form: a non-violent mass action to spur social change.

But for genuine social transformation to take place, people power must be brought to a higher plane, to the level of the community.

The Foundation for Worldwide People Power has launched the Education Revolution, a popular movement to improve the quality of education so that our youth will mature into citizens steeped in democratic ideals.

Briefly, the Education Revolution uses the following people power- inspired programs:

- Adopt-A-School, where communities are mobilized to care for their public schools. There are about 40,000 public schools nationwide but the relationship is about one school to a community. The People Power spirit lightens the task, especially when individuals and organized groups with strong civic consciousness join in the development effort.
- Mentoring the Mentors, which seeks to reawaken the nurturing character in our teachers.
- School Empowerment, where the entire school faculty learns to act as one to systematically acquire and enhance skills to improve learning.

People Power at Edsa I ended a dictatorship, and drove out a corrupt president at Edsa II.

The Education Revolution's People Power hopes to rebuild in our youth a sense of legacy and a deep love for family, community and country.

In the words of the late Sen. Jose Diokno, "let us be our own light, and dare the darkness to put us out."

'Toward a day of full reckoning'

By Abraham Balabad Jr.
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(A Generation of Activists, 1972-86)

Seventeen years after the end of martial law, the Marcos regime has yet to be made to fully account for the civil, political and economic damage it inflicted on the nation.

Except for the conviction of the suspects in Ninoy Aquino's assassination and a US court order for the Marcos estate to compensate victims of repression, there has been no definitive comprehensive action on violations the regime committed against so many citizens, private institutions and the nation itself.

The violations, especially of human rights, were numerous and grave. The social costs are incalculable in terms of lost lives and limbs, orphaned children, mental and physical trauma, dislocated families and displaced communities. We have yet to see the full investigation and prosecution of those responsible for the damage done.

No retribution

Why no comprehensive action for retribution and justice has taken place after Marcos could have been the result of the failure of past administrations to institute decisive political and legal measures to thoroughly pursue charges against the Marcoses, their friends and military instruments upon their ouster. We could only attribute this to plain lack of political will.

The reality is that it would not be easy for victims to carry the burden of pursuing justice for themselves considering the cost of litigation, slow pace of justice in the country and possible threats to their security. Perpetrators of repression continue to be in place in the post-Marcos civil and military establishment.

More than that, it was the people who installed this government to attain democracy and justice for all. Direct action of the post-Marcos dispensation would have been crucial. It would also serve as a quid pro quo for the people's revolt and democratic demands.

Truth commission

The Edsa government could have set up a commission to ferret out the truth about the acts committed against the people and to document the crimes resulting from martial rule, similar to the experience of other countries that went under fascist repression. To date, we still have to see a full accounting of the countless detentions, torture, deaths and disappearances of many Filipinos under martial law.

This government could also have promptly established a special tribunal to investigate and, as evidence warrant, prosecute the ringleaders and instruments of military repression. Such a task, backed by political will and the people's mandate, could have been more easily realizable in the immediate post-Edsa period of national renewal under a "revolutionary" set-up.

This time, one doubts if this is feasible. Perhaps it could take another Edsa, another day of rising, with the people truly empowering themselves, to pursue the long-standing case of wholesale violation of civil and political rights, coupled with unbridled corruption, that began to be committed against the Filipino people on a day of infamy in September 1972.

In the meantime, concerned citizens could persevere in calling on government to muster greater political will in pursuing cases against the Marcoses and/or their instruments and in documenting the grave misdeeds under martial law for a day of full reckoning.

'Their minions have gained political ascendancy'

By Nilda L. Sevilla
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Political myopia and historical amnesia militate against effectively holding the Marcoses and their minions accountable for crimes against the Filipino people. The electorate has even given them fresh mandate to rule. Imelda, Bongbong and Imee have at one time or another been elected to the House of Representatives.

Imee represents the second district of Ilocos Norte in the House of Representatives while Bongbong, a former congressman, sits as the incumbent governor of Ilocos Norte. Imelda had served as a congresswoman of Leyte.

Even their minions, two of whom are vying for the presidency, have gained political ascendancy and economic dominance.

Accountability for crimes against the people and breach of public trust should not end with indictment. Neither should it rest upon judicial rulings on culpability. It should even go beyond the serving of sentence.

Holding people in power accountable for acts against the country and its citizens, specially the human rights victims, is best effected by ensuring that they and their cohorts are perpetually barred from holding or reassuming public office. How else do we guarantee that history does not repeat itself?

Failure to serve the people with utmost responsibility and integrity requires dispensing justice to the victims of wrongful acts.

For FIND, justice for the victims, particularly those who disappeared during the Marcos regime, is not synonymous with monetary compensation.

Justice for our heroes and martyrs demands putting an end to the impunity of perpetrators in enforcing disappearances, memorializing the *desaparecidos* and their contributions to a nationalist social transformation, and sustaining pro-people and progressive causes for which they selflessly fought and sacrificed.

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Mayor gambles while labor row sizzles

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ANGELES CITY—Leaders of more than 1,200 striking employees of the Angeles City government assailed Mayor Carmelo Lazatin for gambling on Thursday night when he was scheduled to meet with them for a negotiation seeking to end a seven-month dispute over non-payment of bonuses and other benefits.

Isabel Ruiz, president of the Association of Government Employees for a New and Dynamic Angeles City (Agenda), also urged President Macapagal-Arroyo to order a lifestyle check on Lazatin.

Ruiz said that Lazatin "frequents the casino and cockpits" but "refuses to meet with or talk to union leaders" to settle labor problems, mainly the non-payment of the P5,000-GMA bonus.

In a telephone interview, Lazatin admitted that he was in the casino's VIP lounge on Thursday night with Councilor Alex Cauguiran and Roman Polintan of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan for a talk about the city employees' labor problems.

Asked about reports that he went nightly on gambling sprees, Lazatin declined to confirm and urged the INQUIRER instead to refer the matter to Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. officials in Barangay Balibago here.

Pagcor branch manager Ernesto Francisco earlier said it was the corporation's policy not to disclose its clients' activities at the casino.

"I play with my own money," Lazatin told the INQUIRER to dispel reports he used government funds.

He insisted that the bonus and the other benefits under the collective negotiation agreement could only be given if the city government had obtained savings from the annual budget.

"We are in deficit. We need P34 million for operations up to December," he said.

Ruiz said that based on fund releases certified by the Department of Budget and Management, the city government gained a surplus of P70.8 million in 2002.

"With such amount, we know the city government is well capable of providing the benefits of its employees," Ruiz said.

The operations and services at City Hall were paralyzed on Friday as employees—843 of them permanent, the others casuals—went on strike.

Lazatin called the strike similar to the July 27 mutiny by soldiers.

"*Magdala la* (They're crazy)," he said. "They took over the City Hall." The striking workers were seen maintaining picket lines outside the open gate of City Hall.

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US Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit based in Okinawa, Japan and Filipino soldiers board a CH-53 transport helicopter prior to jumping into waters off Manila Bay during military exercises between the US and Philippine military. Officials had denied the exercises were timed for the visit of US President Bush next month.

Comelec chief sees fewer registered voters in ARMM

COTABATO CITY—Comelec chair Benjamin Abalos said the total number of new and validated voters in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) is 800,000, contrary to earlier reports quoting him as the source.

"Whoever made the report, I think we were misquoted. Maybe there's a physical error because it's not 300,000 but 800,000 (or) a 25-percent reduction in the total number of registered voters in the region before," Abalos told radio station dxMS here.

Abalos said there was only a reduction of about 400,000 and not 900,000 from the region's previous figure of 1.2 million voters since the computerized listup was launched on July 25.

The registration lasted up to Aug. 5.

But Abalos said it does not mean that the figure was already final.

"It is still possible that the 800,000 figure would be reduced as the Comelec is still in the process of purging multiple registrants," he said.

Abalos said based on complaints, multiple registration had been rampant in Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur and Basilan.

He said the complainants noted that hundreds of voters in the cities of Iligan, Zamboanga and Cotabato registered more than once in Marawi, Basilan and Maguindanao.

He reminded those who registered more than once that they still have time to correct their misdeeds by reporting these to the nearest Comelec office in their area.

Failure to do so would subject them to a "summary investigation" based on their questionable photos and fingerprints with the Comelec.

"This is what I called self-betrayal by allowing yourself to be used by a political candidate in the 2004 elections," Abalos said. *Charlie C. Señase and Rosa-May V. de Guzman, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Promulgated: 19 September 2003

RESOLUTION NO. 6322

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections promulgated on May 14, 2003 COMELEC Resolution No. 6117, otherwise known as "The Rules and Regulations Implementing the Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003";

WHEREAS, for the proper implementation of the Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003, there is a need to amend certain provisions of COMELEC Resolution No. 6117;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections, pursuant to the authority vested in it under the Constitution the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act No. 9189 and other election laws, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to amend the following provisions of COMELEC Resolution No. 6117, to read as follows:

"ART. 3. *Meaning of Words.* - As used in these Rules:

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r) *Overseas Absentee Voter Registration Record* refers to a machine-generated document showing the name, photograph, signature, fingerprints and other personal circumstances of a registered overseas absentee voter issued by the Commission upon approval of said voter's application to vote in absentia;"

"ART. 10. *Period to file application for registration.* - For purposes of the May 10, 2004 elections, all applications for registration as overseas absentee voters shall be filed from August 1, 2003 up to September 30, 2003." (as amended by COMELEC Resolution No. 6183, promulgated on 26 May 2003)

For succeeding elections, the Commission shall provide for the period within which applications to register must be filed."

"ART. 11. *Registration procedure. - a) For applications filed before the Philippine embassies, consulates and other foreign service establishments* - An applicant for registration shall:

1) personally appear before the representative of the Commission at the Philippine embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment having consular jurisdiction over the locality where he/she temporarily resides;

2) present his/her valid Philippine passport;

3) accomplish the prescribed application form; and

4) submit the accomplished application form with a photocopy of his/her passport.

(The application forms may be downloaded from the websites of the Commission and the DFA or secured from the Philippine embassies, consulates and other foreign service establishments.)

In case of a qualified seafarer, he/she may file his/her application with the representative of the Commission at the Philippine embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment having consular jurisdiction over the locality where his/her vessel is docked during the registration period. In addition, a seafarer must also submit a copy of his/her Seaman's Book or any other document that will prove that he/she is a seafarer as defined in Article 3 (v) of these Rules.

The DFA shall, through its foreign service post, verify the validity and authenticity of the passport and the correctness of the photocopies of the pages thereof submitted by the applicant. Upon confirmation of the passport's validity and authenticity, as well as the correctness of the photocopy, the representative of the Commission shall return the passport to the applicant and certify that the submitted photocopy is a true and correct copy of the original. The authenticated photocopy shall form part of the application for registration that the embassies, consulates and other foreign service establishments shall transmit to the Commission through the Committee.

The representative of the Commission shall not issue the required certification to any applicant using a passport under an "assumed name".

If an applicant cannot present a valid passport for reasons other than its loss or temporarily unavailability, the applicant shall present substitute documents that the consular officer at the post shall require such as the applicant's expired passport, duly authenticated birth certificate from the National Statistics Office, residency card, employment card/permit and local Identification Card issued by the host country. If the consular officer at the post finds the substitute documents valid and sufficient, it shall issue a certification that it has reviewed the submitted documents and found them sufficient to warrant the issuance of the passport. The applicant, if he or she chooses, may opt to apply for a new passport on the basis of the submitted documents, paying the appropriate fees therefor.

In case of lost of or the applicant's temporary inability to produce his her valid passport, the applicant shall execute and submit an authenticated affidavit sufficiently describing the lost or unavailable passport, attaching a copy of its relevant pages, if available; and stating the circumstances of the loss or the reason/s for the temporary inability to produce the passport. The consular officer at the post shall require the substitute documents mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph to establish the applicant's citizenship, immigration status and identity. In case of loss, the applicant may choose to secure a new passport, paying the appropriate fees therefor.

In case an applicant fails to submit the documentary requirements of this Article on the same day that he or she submitted the application for registration, he or she must personally submit the supporting documents on the day specified by the embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment concerned.

Once the applicant's citizenship, immigration status and identity have been established, the representative of the Commission shall:

1) encode the last name, first name and middle name of the applicant; and

2) digitally capture the applicant's photograph, signature, fingerprints and other demographic data, as may be required by the Commission;

The application process is deemed complete upon submission of the applicant's duly accomplished application form, supporting documents, including the certifications that the DFA may issue, and after the digital capture of his/her biometrics.

The embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment concerned shall, within five (5) days from completion of the registration process by an applicant, transmit by diplomatic pouch to the Commission, through the Committee, the following:

1) accomplished application form;

2) page of the passport containing the applicant's signature and photograph and, in the case of seafarers, the page of the seaman's book containing the applicant's signature and photograph;

3) the certification required from the DFA;

4) the authenticated affidavit (for applicants with lost or temporarily unavailable passport); and

5) the compact disc containing the captured biometrics of the applicant.

The Commission shall forward the application form and its supporting documents within three (3) days from receipt thereof to the city/municipal Election Officers concerned through the fastest means available.

b) For applications filed before the Election Registration Board. - An applicant for registration shall:

1) personally appear before the Election Officer of the city/municipality where he/she is domiciled prior to his/her departure from the Philippines; or in case of a qualified seafarer, he/she may personally appear before the Committee,

2) present his/her valid Philippine passport;

3) accomplish the prescribed application form; and

4) submit the accomplished application form with photocopy of his/her passport; In case of a qualified seafarer, he/she must also submit a photocopy of his/her Seaman's book or any other document that will prove that he/she is a seafarer, as defined in Article 3 (v) of these Rules.

(The application forms may be downloaded from the websites of the Commission and the DFA or secured from the Commission or the Office of the Election Officer).

The Election Officer shall:

1) encode the last name, first name and middle name of the applicant; and

2) digitally capture the applicant's photograph, fingerprints and other demographic data as may be required by the Commission.

For applications filed before the Committee by qualified seafarers, the Committee shall:

1) encode the last name, first name and middle name of the applicant;

2) digitally capture the applicant's photograph, fingerprints and other demographic data as may be required by the Commission; and

3) forward the application form and its supporting documents within three (3) days from filing thereof to the city/municipal Election Officers concerned through the fastest means available.

c) In both cases. - The Election Officer shall, upon receipt of the applications, immediately:

1) Set the applications for hearing on a date, which shall be at least one (1) week from the date of posting of the notice of hearing;

2) Prepare the notice of hearing thereof;

3) Post the notice of hearing in a conspicuous place in the premises of the city or municipal and barangay building of the applicant's domicile as stated in the application form at least one (1) week before the date of the hearing;

4) Furnish copies of the applications to the designated representatives of political parties and accredited citizens' arms in the city or municipality. For this purpose, the heads of the six (6) major political parties as determined by the Commission in the immediately preceding national elections and each accredited citizen's arms shall submit to the Commission not later than **July 31, 2003**, the names of their respective representatives in each city or municipality; (as amended by COMELEC Resolution No. 6247, promulgated on 8 July 2003)

5) Verify whether the applicant is actually a resident of the address as appearing in his/her application for registration; and

6) Prepare a written report on the result of the verification and submit the same to the ERB.

d) Objections to the applications. - Any interested party may file a verified objection to the application on or before the date set for the hearing of the said application.

If an objection is filed, the Election Officer shall immediately notify the applicant or his/her authorized representative of the said objection personally or by registered mail, together with copies of the objection and the documents submitted in support thereof, if any. The applicant or his/her authorized representative shall, within five (5) days from receipt of the copy of the objection, file by registered mail an answer that clearly states his/her defenses and is duly sworn before any officer authorized to administer oath.

For this purpose, the date postmarked in the envelope containing the answer shall be considered as the date of the filing.

Once the answer is filed, or upon the lapse of the period for filing an answer, the Election Officer shall immediately forward the application to the ERB for decision.

The Election Officer shall likewise immediately forward the application to the ERB for decision if no objection was filed on the date of the hearing.

e) Hearings. - For purposes of the Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003, the ERB shall hear the applications once a month, provided, that the notice of hearing is posted at least a one (1) week before the date of hearing.

In connection with the May 10, 2004 elections, applications received as of 31 August 2003 shall be heard on 8 September 2003 and applications received as of 16 October 2003 shall be heard on October 24, 2003.

f) Period to approve or disapprove applications. - If no verified objection is filed and the applicant is qualified, the ERB shall approve the application. If no verified objection is filed but the applicant is not qualified, the ERB shall disapprove the application. In both cases, the ERB shall meet to approve or disapprove the applications within one (1) week from the date of the hearing.

In connection with the May 10, 2004 elections, the ERB shall meet to approve or disapprove the applications on (i) 15 September 2003, for applications for registration heard on 8 September 2003, and on (ii) 31 October 2003, for applications for registration heard on 24 October 2003.

If a verified objection is filed, the ERB shall approve or disapprove the application at any time during the subsequent meeting(s) of the ERB but not later than November 8, 2003. The ERB shall base its decision on the merits of the objection, the answer, if any, and all other documents submitted by the objecting party and the applicant.

g) Notice of approval or disapproval of application. - Within three (3) days from the approval or disapproval of the application, the Election Officer shall send a notice of approval/ disapproval to the applicant or his/her authorized representative by personal delivery or by registered mail. In addition, the Election Officer shall, on the day following the approval/disapproval of applications, post the list of the names of those whose applications have been approved/disapproved in a conspicuous place in the premises of the city or municipal and barangay building of the applicant's residence as stated in the application form. **On the same day, the Election Officer shall also transmit, through the fastest means available, to the Commission the list of the names of those whose applications have been approved/disapproved, the compact disc/s containing the captured biometrics of the applicants, the approved/ disapproved application forms with its supporting documents, and the corresponding Certificate of Registration carrying the action of the ERB for each application.**

After each meeting of the ERB for the approval/disapproval of applications for registration, the Election Officer shall also prepare a progress report for submission to the Registration Division of the Elections and Barangay Affairs Department (EBAD) of the Commission, which, in turn, shall provide the Commission with a regular update of the data received. The progress report shall indicate the number of approved/disapproved applications, the names of the applicants with approved/disapproved applications and such other data as may be required by the Commission in the prescribed form."

"ART. 14. *Manner, period and procedure for the filing of applications for certification as overseas absentee voter.* - The manner, period and procedure for the filing of application for certification as overseas absentee voter shall be as follows:

a) For qualified Filipinos already abroad, with the representative of the Commission at the Philippine embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishments having consular jurisdiction over the locality where he/she temporarily resides; in case of qualified seafarers, with the representative of the Commission at the Philippine embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment having consular jurisdiction over the locality where his/her vessel is docked during the registration period

b) For qualified Filipinos who will be abroad on election day, with the ERB of the city/municipality/district where he/she is domiciled prior to his/her departure from the Philippines, or with the Committee in case of qualified seafarers.

For purposes of the May 10, 2004 elections, all applications for certification shall be filed from August 1, 2003 up to September 30, 2003. (as amended by COMELEC Resolution No. 6183, promulgated on 26 May 2003)

For succeeding elections, the Commission shall provide for the period within which applications for certification must be filed.

a) For applications filed before the Philippine embassies, consulates and other foreign service establishments - An applicant for certification as absentee voter shall:

1) personally appear before the representative of the Commission at the Philippine embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment having consular jurisdiction over the locality where he/she temporarily resides;

2) present his/her valid Philippine passport;

3) accomplish the prescribed application form; and

4) submit the accomplished application form with a photocopy of his/her passport.

(The application forms may be downloaded from the websites of the Commission and the DFA or secured from the Philippine embassies, consulates and other foreign service establishments.)

In case of a qualified seafarer, he/she may file his/her application with the representative of the Commission at the Philippine embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment having consular jurisdiction over the locality where his/her vessel is docked during the registration period. In addition, a seafarer must also submit a photocopy of his/her Seaman's Book or any other document that will prove that he/she is a seafarer, as defined in Article 3 (v) of these Rules.

The DFA shall, through its foreign service post, verify the validity and authenticity of the passport and the correctness of the photocopies of the pages thereof submitted by the applicant. Upon confirmation of the passport's validity and authenticity, as well as the correctness of the photocopy, the representative of the Commission shall return the passport to the applicant and certify that the submitted photocopy is a true and correct copy of the original. The authenticated photocopy shall form part of the application for certification that the embassies, consulates and other foreign service establishments shall transmit to the Commission through the Committee.

If an applicant cannot present a valid passport for reasons other than its loss or temporarily unavailability, the applicant shall present substitute documents that the consular officer at the post shall require such as the applicant's expired passport, duly authenticated birth certificate from the National Statistics Office, residency card, employment card/permit and local Identification Card issued by the host country. If the consular officer at the post finds the substitute documents valid and sufficient, it shall issue a certification that it has reviewed the submitted documents and found them sufficient to warrant the issuance of a passport. The applicant, if he or she chooses, may opt to apply for new passport on the basis of the submitted documents, paying the appropriate fees therefor.

The representative of the Commission shall not issue the required certification to any applicant using a passport under an "assumed name".

In case of loss of or the applicant's temporary inability to produce his/her valid passport, the applicant shall execute and submit an authenticated affidavit sufficiently describing the lost or unavailable passport, attaching a photocopy of its relevant pages, if available; and stating the circumstances of the loss or the reason/s for the temporary inability to produce the passport. The consular officer at the post shall require the substitute documents mentioned in the immediately proceeding paragraph to establish the applicant's citizenship, immigration status and identity. In case of loss, the applicant may choose to secure a new passport, paying the appropriate fees therefor.

In case an applicant fails to submit the documentary requirements of this Article on the same day that he or she submitted the application for certification, he or she must personally submit the supporting documents on the day specified by the embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment concerned.

Once the applicant's citizenship, immigration status and identity have been established, the representative of the Commission shall:

1) encode the last name, first name and middle name of the applicant; and

2) digitally capture the applicant's photograph, signature, fingerprints and other demographic data, as may be required by the Commission;

The application process is deemed complete upon submission of the applicant's duly accomplished application form, supporting documents, including the certifications that the DFA may issue, and after the digital capture of his/her biometrics.

The embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment concerned shall, within five (5) days from completion of the registration process by an applicant, transmit by diplomatic pouch to the Commission through the Committee the following:

1) accomplished application form;

2) page of the passport containing the applicant's signature and photograph and, in the case of seafarers, the page of the seaman's book containing the applicant's signature and photograph;

3) the certification required from the DFA;

4) the authenticated affidavit (for applicant's with lost or temporarily unavailable passport); and

5) the compact disc containing the captured biometrics of the applicant.

The Committee shall forward the application form and its supporting documents within three (3) days from receipt thereof to the city/municipal Election Officers concerned through the fastest means available.

b) For applications filed before the Election Registration Board. - An applicant for certification shall:

1) personally appear before the Election Officer of the city/municipality where he/she is domiciled prior to his/her departure from the Philippines, or in case of a qualified seafarer, he/she may personally appear before the Committee;

2) present his/her valid Philippine passport; and

3) accomplish the prescribed application form; and

4) submit the accomplished application form with a photocopy of his/her passport; in case of a qualified seafarer, he/she must also submit a photocopy of his/her Seaman's book or any other document that will prove that he/she is a seafarer, as defined in Article 3 (v) of these Rules.

(The application forms may be downloaded from the websites of the Commission and the DFA or secured from the Commission or the Office of the Election Officer.)

The Election Officer shall:

1) encode the last name, first name and middle name of the applicant; and

2) digitally capture the applicant's photograph, fingerprints and other demographic data, as may be required by the Commission.

For applications filed before the Committee by qualified seafarers, the Committee shall:

1) encode the last name, first name and middle name of the applicant; and

2) digitally capture the applicant's photograph, fingerprints and other demographic data, as may be required by the Commission; and

3) forward the application form and its supporting documents within three (3) days from filing to the city/municipal Election Officers concerned through the fastest means available.

c) In both cases. - The Election Officer shall, upon receipt of the applications, immediately:

1) Furnish copies of the applications to the designated representatives of the six (6) major political parties as determined by the Commission in the immediately preceding national election and each accredited citizen's arms in the city or municipality;

2) Verify whether the applicant's name is included in the Computerized Voters' List (CVL) or whether his/her Voter Registration Record (VRR) is contained in the corresponding Book of Voters.

3) If the applicant is a registered voter, the ERB shall approve the application for certification. If not, the ERB shall disapprove the application.

In connection with the May 10, 2004 elections, the ERB shall meet to approve or disapprove the applications for certification received as of 31 August 2003 on 15 September 2003, and the applications for certification received as of 16 October 2003 on 31 October 2003.

4) On the day following the approval or disapproval of the applications for certification by the ERB, the Election Officer shall post the list of the names of those whose applications for certification have been approved or disapproved in a conspicuous place in the premises of the city or municipal and barangay building of the applicant's residence as stated in the application form. **On the same day, the Election Officer shall also transmit, through the fastest means available, to the Commission the list of the names of those whose applications have been approved/disapproved, the compact disc/s containing the captured biometrics of the applicants, the approved/disapproved application forms with its supporting documents, and the corresponding Certificates of Registration carrying the action of the ERB for each application.**

In addition, the Election Officer shall, within three (3) days from approval/disapproval of the application, send a notice of approval/disapproval to the applicant or to his/her authorized representative by registered mail or by any other faster means of communication.

5) In case of approval of the application, the Election Officer shall (i) make an annotation in the Computerized Voters' List (CVL) of the city/municipality and in the applicant's Voter Registration Record (VRR) that the said applicant has been registered as an Overseas Absentee Voter or will be voting as an Overseas Absentee Voter and (ii) issue a Certificate of Registration to the applicant.

After each meeting of the ERB for the approval/disapproval of the applications for certification, the Election Officer shall also prepare a progress report for submission to the Registration Division of the Elections and Barangay Affairs Department (EBAD) of the Commission, which, in turn, shall provide the Commission with a regular update of such data. The progress report shall indicate the number of approved/disapproved applications; the names of the applicants with approved/disapproved applications and such other data as may be required by the Commission in the prescribed form."

"ART. 19. *Printing and distribution of Copies of the Overseas Absentee Voter Registration Record* - The Committee shall print and distribute the copies of the Overseas Absentee Voter Registration Record as follows:

a) First copy to the Office of the Election Officer;

b) Second copy to the Commission; and

c) Third copy to the concerned Philippine embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment.

The second copies for the Commission of the approved applications for registration/certifications shall be in the custody of the Registration Division of the Elections and Barangay Affairs Department (EBAD) of the Commission."

"ART. 21. *Preparation of the National Registry of Absentee Voters and* ***Transmission of Certificates of Registration to the Registered Overseas Absentee Voters.*** - The Committee shall prepare a National Registry of Absentee Voters by consolidating all the Municipal/City/District Registry of Absentee Voters not later that one hundred sixty-five (165) calendar days before the day of the elections.

The Commission shall, through the Committee, furnish copies of the National Registry of Absentee Voters to the designated representatives of the six (6) major political parties as determined by the Commission in the immediately preceding national elections and each accredited citizens' arm.

The Certificates of Registration issued by the ERB shall be transmitted by the Commission, through the Committee, to the registered overseas absentee voters within five (5) days from receipt thereof from the Office of the Election Officer.

For purposes of the May 10, 2004 elections, the National Registry of Absentee Voters shall be prepared not later than November 27, 2003."

"ART. 26. *Issuance of Overseas Absentee Voter Identification Card.* - The Commission, through the Committee, shall issue an Overseas Absentee Voter Identification Card to the registered overseas absentee voter whose application to vote *in absentia* has been approved within five (5) days from approval of his/her application to vote *in absentia*."

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A firefighter's tale of burning heroism

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"WE are proud to have a firefighter like him in our corps," Chief Insp. Romeo Tactacquin, city fire marshal, said of FO3 Celestino Gepte.

Without hesitation, Gepte climbed up a ladder to rescue a weak and apparently suffocated old Chinese man from the second floor of the burning Lian Hing Trading and Department Store on Macacua Street in Cotabato City on Aug. 26.

Gepte was one of the firefighters who responded to battle one of the biggest fires to hit the city in recent years.

"I never thought of my own safety at that time, it was only after the successful operation that I realized that I really risked my life in the historic rescue effort," Gepte said in Filipino, hours after he carried Antonio Yu, 50, the Chinese-Filipino owner of the burning store, from the inferno to safety.

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Keeping cool

"It was instinct on our part that all of us, almost simultaneously, moved toward the ladder," said Tactacquin, who braved the heat from the ground floor along with other firemen who responded to the fire alarm.

Tactacquin, FO2 Marleap Nabor, SFO3 Jaikal Manongkit, FO2 Zito dela Torre, FO1 Usman Ibrahim and FO1 Norodin Mensong were holding the ladder amid strong winds and extreme heat.

From the roadside across the burning building, Gepte quickly climbed the ladder with only one mission—to rescue a man he did not even know but who needed help badly.

"I was the ideal person to bring him down safe and alive. I did my job even if it could have cost my own life," Gepte said, recalling the rescue effort.

Tactacquin said Yu had thought of jumping from the second floor when he ordered one of his men to "do the job," meaning to rescue the desperate man.

But even before Tactacquin could utter a directive, Gepte was already midway through the ladder on his way to the man whose life hung in the balance between cold, hard pavement and intense heat.

While yelling for help, Yu tossed a big plastic bag that firefighters thought contained his personal belongings. The bag landed on the roadside in front of FO1 Edwin Mondejar.

Yu clung to Gepte's back, with the fire only about two feet away from them and pavement drawing near.

Slowly, the fireman took one step at a time in bringing Yu down, taking every step that could spell life or death.

After the victim was safely brought down and was being prepared to be brought to the hospital, Mondejar handed to him the plastic bag. In turn, the trader gave the bag to his family.

Heroes

"We later learned that the bag contained P1.8 million cash," said Tactacquin, who lauded his men for their heroism during the rescue effort.

Three of Tactacquin's men suffered injuries that the fire official described as "expected in all our operations."

"We were so elated when people and spectators started clapping and applauding," said Nabor after they rescued the owner of one of the oldest department stores in the city.

Saved

Because of the efforts of the fire bureau, backed by the Chinese-Filipino volunteer fire brigade and private water suppliers, some P100 million worth of property have been saved. They also prevented the fire from spreading to nearby business establishments.

The firemen were elated when the Yu family went to their office to express gratitude "for a job well done."

"You're welcome." Tactacquin said. "We did our job as expected of us."

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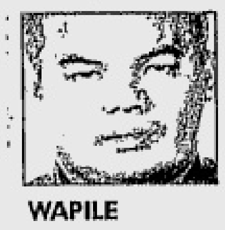
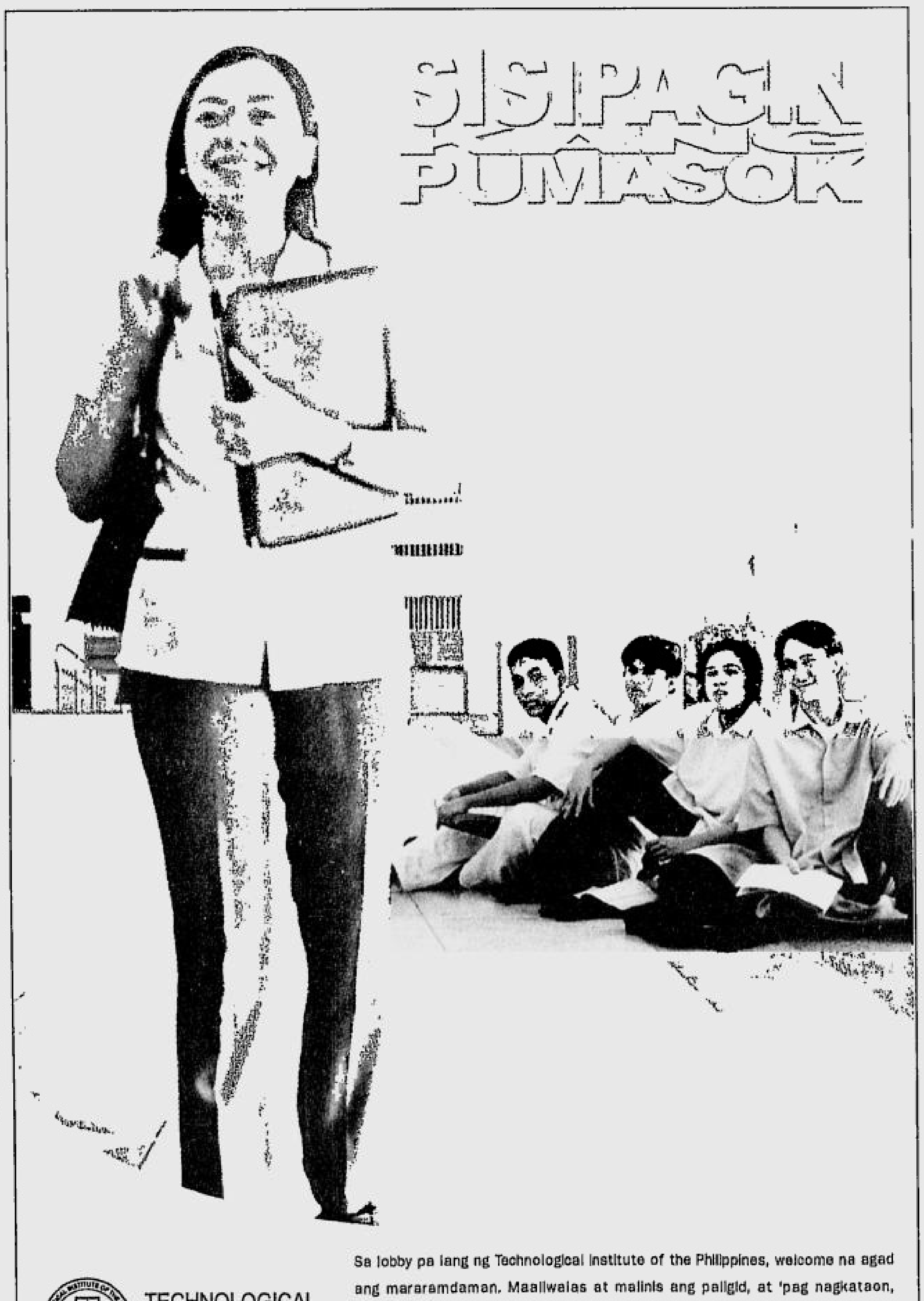
Countdown for Justice



WAPILE

IT is exactly 496 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.



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COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

"ART. 31. *Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group.* - A Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group (the "SBRCG") is hereby created in every Philippine embassy, consulate or foreign service establishment.

The SBRCG shall be composed of three (3) members from among the staff of the embassies, consulates and foreign service establishments concerned, including their attached agencies, and citizens of the Philippines abroad who will be deputized by the Commission to receive and take custody of all accountable and non-accountable election forms, supplies and paraphernalia sent by it through the Committee.

The members of the SBRCG or their spouses shall not be related within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity to any member of the same SBRCG or to any of the candidates for President, Vice-President and Senator or their spouses, and to any nominees for the party-list system of representation or their spouses.

Upon receipt of ballots, forms, supplies and paraphernalia, the SBRCG shall:

a) Verify the received quantity and serial numbers of the ballots, other accountable forms to be used for personal voting and the quantity of non-accountable forms, supplies and paraphernalia; and
b) Keep a complete record of the ballots and other accountable forms, subject to **Article 106** of these Rules."

"ART. 36. *Place of voting.* - In case of personal voting, **the overseas absentee voter shall personally accomplish his/her ballot in the designated voting area within the embassy, consulate or other foreign service establishment that has jurisdiction over the country where he/she temporarily resides or at any polling place designated and accredited by the Commission; Provided, that the Commission shall, in the designation of other polling places, take into consideration the manpower and logistical requirements for the same and designate only those which are duly-accredited as foreign service establishments by the host country."**

"ART. 39. *Voting procedure for personal voting.* - The following procedure shall be observed for personal voting:

A. Preliminaries to the Voting

X x x.

B. Voting Proper

1) The voter shall approach the Poll Clerk of the SBEI and Shall give his/her name and address together with other data concerning his/her person.

2) The Poll Clerk shall verify from the Certified List of Overseas Absentee Voters if the name of the voter is included therein. A voter whose name does not appear in the Certified List of Overseas Absentee Voters shall not be allowed to vote.

If the name of the voter is included in the Certified List of Overseas Absentee Voters, the Poll Clerk shall ascertain the identity of said voter by requiring him/her to present his/her Overseas Absentee Voter Identification Card and comparing the photo, thumbprint and signature appearing therein with that of the photo, thumbprint and signature of said voter appearing in the Overseas Absentee Voter Registration Record contained in the Overseas Absentee Voting Book of Voters. In the absence of the Overseas Absentee Voter Identification Card, the voter may present either his/her valid passport **or any other the identification card issued by the host country."**

"ART. 52. *Counting site.* - **The counting of votes shall be conducted on site in the country where the votes were actually cast. The opening of the specially-marked envelopes containing the ballots and the counting of votes shall be conducted within the premises of the embassies, consulates and other foreign service establishments or in such other places as may be designated by the Commission; Provided, that the designated counting site has been duly-accredited by the Commission as a polling place."**

"ART. 53. *Counting of votes to be public and without interruption.* - After the termination of voting, the SBEI shall publicly count on site in the country where the votes were actually cast and ascertain the results. **The Commission shall ensure that the start of counting in all polling place abroad shall be synchronized with the start of counting in the Philippines.** Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the SBEI shall not adjourn or postpone or delay the counting until it has been fully completed."

"ART. 60. *Preparation of Overseas Absentee Voting Election Returns and tally board.* - The SBEIs shall prepare in their own handwriting the Overseas Absentee Voting Election Returns and tally board simultaneously with the counting of the votes in their respective polling places. The Overseas Absentee Voting Election Returns shall be prepared in seven (7) copies.

X x x.

The following procedure shall be observed after all the ballots have been read:

a) The members of SBEI shall close the entries by affixing their initials immediately after the last vote recorded or immediately after the name of the candidate and party-list candidates who did not receive any vote;

b) The Poll Clerk and the Member-Secretary shall record the total number of votes obtained by each candidate and party-list candidates, in words and figures;

c) The members of the SBEI shall accomplish the certification portion of the Overseas Absentee Voting Election Returns and tally board;

d) The watchers if any, shall affix their signatures and imprint their right thumbmarks on the right hand portion of the Overseas Absentee Voting Election Returns and the tally board; and

e) The SBEI shall ensure that the entries on the first copy of the Overseas Absentee Voting Election Returns are clearly impressed on the other copies.

f) The Chairman shall orally and publicly announce the total number of votes recei[illegible] each candidate stating their corresponding offices, as well as the total numbe[illegible] votes received by a party, sectoral organization or coalition participating under the [illegible]arty-list system of representation.

g) Thereafter, the SBEI shall fold each copy of the elections returns, sealed with a serially numbered paper seal, placed in its corresponding envelope, seal the same for distribution under **Article 63** hereof."

"ART. 75. *Place of canvassing.* - **The canvassing of votes shall be conducted on site in this country where the votes were actually cast. The votes shall be canvassed within the premises of the embassies, consulates and other foreign service establishments, or in such other places designated by the Commission Provided, that the designated place of canvass is duly-accredited as a foreign service establishment by the host country."**

"ART. 84. *The SBOC having consular jurisdiction over several countries.* - The SBOC of a country having consular jurisdiction over several countries shall conduct the canvass **on site in the country where the votes were actually cast** and determine the results of the election separately per country and prepare the corresponding Overseas Absentee Voting Certificate of Canvass supported by an Overseas Absentee Voting Statement of Votes by Precinct."

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This Resolution shall take effect immediately after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

The Education and Information Department of the Commission shall cause the publication and widest dissemination of these Rules and furnish copies hereof to the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Transportation and Communication, Philippine Postal Corporation, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, and Maritime Industry Authority.

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Surigao del Sur's sanctuary for restive souls

By Romel M. Oribe
Surigao del Sur

IT'S low tide at the Kansilad Beach Resort (KBR) and the sun is murderous, making the sea retreat from a shoreline in paler shade of brown to a glimmering expanse where, in terror, it casts a mirage.

Exposed before me is the sea's underbelly of mud, rocks, weeds and driftwood. Out there, in the subterraneous chambers that my eyes cannot see, are skulk fish, crustaceans and mollusks that in time become parts of the local food chain.

Such is the KBR's seascape when I arrived one Thursday noon, sweating under the flimsy August sky. We were on a two-day team-building seminar and our service vehicle was a squeaky, non-aircon, older-than-my-officemate's-eldest-son box-type L-300 that Gov. Bebe Pimentel lent us. But we had no reason to complain since our office doesn't have a vehicle of its own for almost half a decade now. I was tightlipped, unfazed; unlike my officemates, I had a bagful of Alaxan.

The ride from Tandag town in Surigao del Sur to the resort was bumpy, dusty and infernal. Crammed with humans, training supplies, utensils and provisions, the car had limited legroom that for over two hours I had to point my toes like a ballet dancer on freeze. This must have prevented the blood from circulating because when I got off, a funny sensation tingled my feet, paralyzing me. I then licked my index finger and drew a cross on them, just as Lola had taught me.

Isolated but accessible

I've been hearing a lot of nice things about the KBR, but I remained unconvinced; I wanted to see it for myself. Back then I thought he was an oxymoron when Sammy Dollano said the KBR was "isolated but accessible." It turned out to be an apt description because it is a cove secluded by the backwoods of Sitio Kansilad in Lianga town.

The gate of roughly sawn coconut wood was wide, tall, uneven and unimpressive. But at least it did not jar my senses as did most provincial resorts whose pathetic attempt at urbanity and flair, at least to me, was bad business sense.

Against a backdrop of rock formation that stooped from having to carry on its back all those trees, the arrival area was unbelievably clean, making me suspect the caretaker pick leaves even before they fell. Surprisingly refreshing was the absence of large signs telling us what not to do. I don't even recall seeing the ubiquitous "Welcome, visitors."

The girls were billeted at Room 4 and we, at Room 5. With rails of naturally wrought branches, a walkway led us to a patio that had a table and stools of round *magcono* timber.

Sense of home

The room had two double beds with wall lamps that went well with curtains in floral coordinates. The white tile floor gleamed under the not-so-ordinary main light and the bed sheets and towels were thick and clean. To my surprise, the toilet flushed and the faucet worked, ditto with the hot and cold shower. Funny but I felt dismayed because for once there was practically nothing for me to fret about. Cool change, if you ask me.

I went out of the room and was promptly serenaded by cicadas, stoking in me a nostalgic sense of home. Suddenly I was a kid on summer vacation in our farm in Sagbayan where the same hymn would lull me to sleep.

Then I saw the white iron swings. Sitting in one of them, I had a good view of the area whose uneven contour was carpeted with bermuda grass and was made even more beautiful by random vignettes of rocks and blooming flowers.

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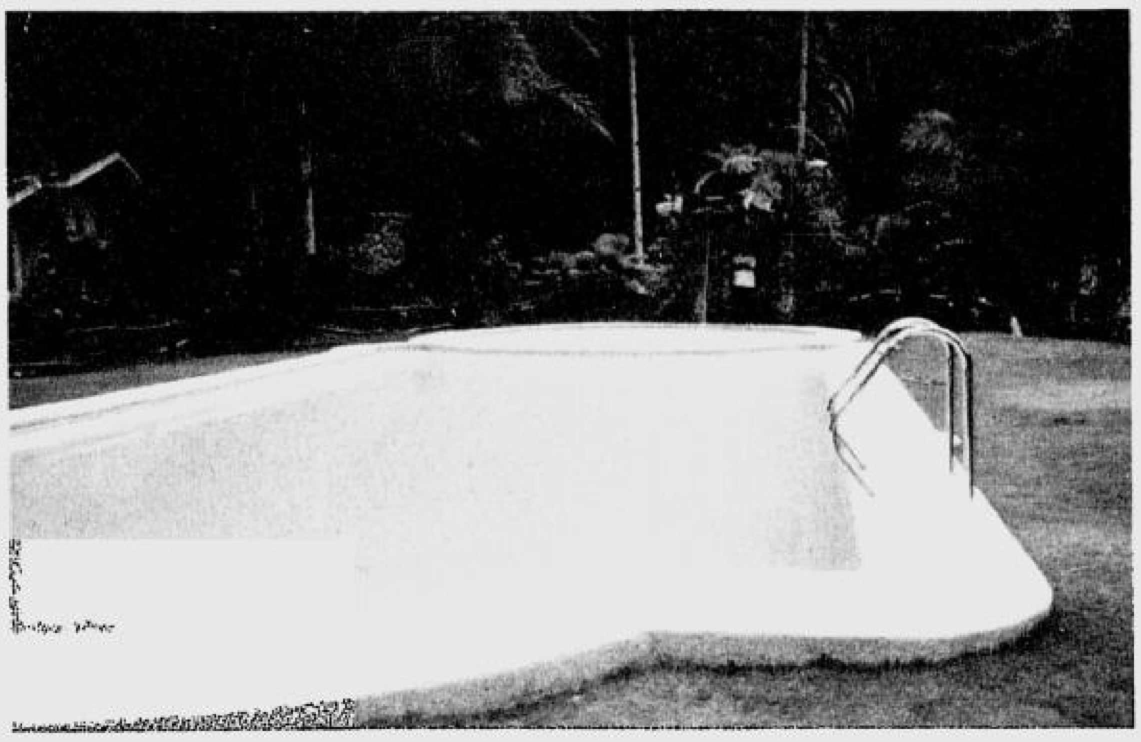
Not far from me was the powder blue swimming pool, catching waters that cascaded from a large basin that was camouflaged and perched on a simulated stalactite similarly camouflaged with paints, rocks and Mactan stones. It was an inviting sight, one that would make children wish they were sea creatures.

I looked around and saw trees everywhere. A grotto was carved out of a rock formation so high I had to crane my neck. All the concrete structures were given treatments to blend well with nature's texture and color, making it hard for me not to appreciate the painstaking effort that went with it.

The function room had the sprawling vista of the sea and had a view deck that the waves lapped at high tide. The precision by which the beams and trusses were engineered trumpeted the profession of the owner's husband, a top honcho in one of Department of Public Works and Highway's regional offices.


POWDER BLUE swimming pool, KBR's pièce de résistance. ROMEL M. ORIBE

There were more vignettes but now they included stumps and wood slabs whose beautiful defects wrought by *tatud* are what made them *de riguer* in classy hotels and opulent homes. That was when I knew that the KBR was a log pond when Lianga still whirred with logging operations. That explained the not-so-nice seabed.

Downsides

The resort had only three downsides, 'said Lala Ambray when we requested her to negotiate on our behalf. They were: the price, the shallow beach and *tagnok*, a tiny nocturnal insect that took buffet meals on human bodies. So when night fell, I was on off. But then, the caretaker made a fire in a contraption designed to emit smoke. Repelled by it, the *tagnok* salivated from a safe distance as we held our first session for the night.

It was almost midnight, but the air was still sultry. Most of my peers were itching to try the videoke that rated one's vocal prowess or the lack of it. But our boss said we had to get the session over and done with first lest the auditor would disallow the activity during post-audit and we had to refund. We came here to build a team, right guys?

When happy hour finally came, I was ready to shoot the breeze. But then two officemates, who, like me, don't have the right attitude to compensate for the wrong vocal chord, egged me to a card game. I had a few coins to lose, so I played and ended up winning instead.

In the morning, with sleep still flitting in my eyes, I hit the beach. Surprisingly, it wasn't as bad as I thought, except that it was too shallow even if it was high tide. But it could be good for children as it ruled out death by drowning because even though I was already far away from the shore, the water was still waist-deep.

I searched for shells to bring home and reached a bend peppered with boulders embroidered with crazy vines. Farther away, I saw several driftwood, some with holes in the middle that would make for nice tables with glass top, and others whose haphazard cracks would add panache to a home with just the right incandescent light. If only I had the power to flatten, roll and bring them home!

With permission from the owner, Mrs. Anna Lala, I brought home my goodies where they joined the ever growing mementos I had amassed over the years.

As our service wobbled to the highway less than 35 meters from the resort's gate, I felt a surge of pride. Surigao del Sur has finally made a sanctuary for restive souls without having to apologize for its amenities. And that, to me, is good business sense.

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Mabuhay po kayong lahat!

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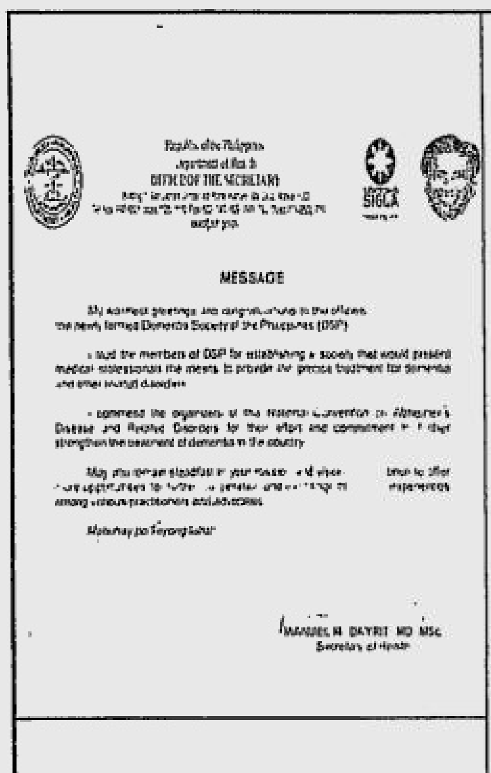

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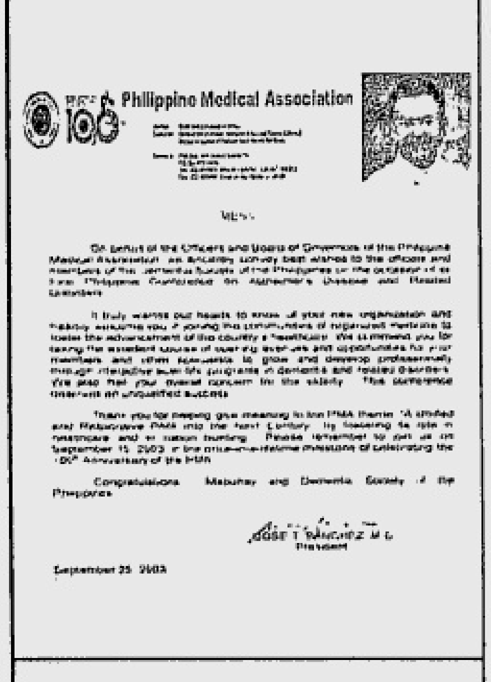

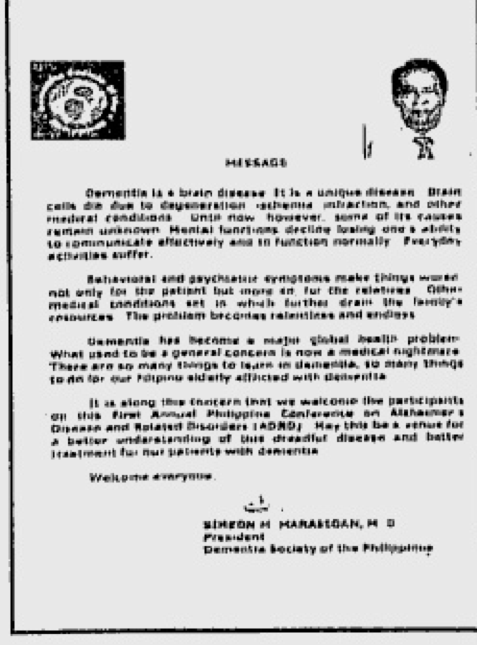

MESSAGE

Dementia is a brain disease. It is a unique disease. Brain cells die due to degeneration, ischemia, infarction, and other medical conditions. Until now, however, some of its causes remain unknown. Mental functions decline losing one's ability to communicate effectively and to function normally. Everyday activities suffer.

Behavioral and psychiatric symptoms make things worse not only for the patient but more so for the relatives. Other medical conditions set in which further drain the family's resources. The problem becomes relentless and endless.

Dementia has become a major global health problem. What used to be a general concern is now a medical nightmare. There are so many things to learn in dementia, so many things to do for our Filipino elderly afflicted with dementia.

It is along this concern that we welcome the participants on this First Annual Philippine Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD). May this be a venue for a better understanding of this dreadful disease and better treatment for our patients with dementia.

Welcome everyone.

SIMEON M. MARASIGAN, M.D.
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PROGRAM

DAY 1- September 25, 2003 (Thursday)

08:00 A.M. REGISTRATION
10:00 OPENING OF BOOTH
Ribbon Cutting : Jaime Galvez Tan, M.D.
Director, National Institute of Health
assisted by Venus Serra- Arain, M.D.

OPENING CEREMONIES
Master of Ceremonies: Antonio D. Ligsay, M.D.
Invocation : Norma M. Lazaro, M.D.
National Anthem : Hi-Eisai Songbirds
Welcome Remarks and Introduction of
Keynote Speaker : Simeon M. Marasigan, M.D.
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Keynote Address: Jaime Galvez Tan, M.D.
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW : Jacqueline C. Dominguez, M.D.

11:30-01:15 INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM (UCB Pharma)
"Piracitam in Cognitive Decline"
Speaker: Ramon S. Javier, M.D.

FIRST SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Master of Ceremonies: Noel H. Ponce, M.D.

01:30-02:30 REPORT OF THE STUDY GROUP ON MENTAL COMPETENCE IN THE ELDERLY
Jacqueline C. Dominguez, M.D.
Atty. John S. Baroña
Atty. Rose Beatrix Cruz- Angeles

02:30-03:10 PSYCHIATRIC SYNDROMES IN THE ELDERLY
Pureza T. Oñate, M.D.

03:10-03:50 MANAGEMENT OF COMMON MEDICAL PROBLEMS IN THE ELDERLY
Eva Aranas- Angel, M.D.

03:50-04:30 THE ROLE OF PHYSIATRY IN THE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF DEMENTIA
Stephanie B. Javier, M.D.

04:30-05:10 CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH DEMENTIA
Doris Maribel C. Camagay, M.D.

05:10-05:20 OPEN FORUM

06:00-09:00 INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM (NOVARTIS)
" Managing behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia"
Speaker: Alejandro C. Baroque, M.D.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

DAY 2 - September 26, 2003 (Friday)

06:30 A.M. INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM (HI-EISAI)
"Homocysteine and Its Devastating Effect on the Vascular System"
Speaker: Adolfo Bellosillo, M.D.

SECOND SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Master of Ceremonies: Miguel A. Ramos, M.D.

08:30-09:30 PLENARY LECTURE
Mechanisms involved in Vascular Dementia
Norman Relkin, M.D.
Associate Professor of Clinical Neurology and Neuroscience
Weill Cornell Medical College
Attending Neurologist, The New York Prysbeterian Hospital

09:30-10:10 CLARIFYING RISK FACTORS IN AD. CONSENSUS REVIEW
Maria Stella T. Giron, M.D.

10:10-10:50 CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR AD AND NON-AD DEMENTIAS
Guidelines on diagnosis and how to use them
Grace Orteza, M.D.

10:50-11:00 OPEN FORUM

11:00-12:00 THE DEMENTIA RESEARCH MATCHING PROGRAM
Antonio D. Ligsay, M.D.
Maria Stella T. Giron, M.D.

12:00-02:00 INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM (JANSSEN)
"Galantamine in perspective: More than just an inhibitor"
Speaker: Miguel A. Ramos, M.D.
" A critical appraisal of GAL-GBT-2"
Speaker: Raymond L. Rosales, M.D.

THIRD SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Master of Ceremonies: Doris Maribel C. Camagay, M.D.

02:00-02:30 PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED IN CARING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA
Grace Jardeleza, M.D.
Amparo T. Florida, M.D.

02:30-03:00 CONFUSIONAL STATES IN THE ELDERLY
Paulino S. Tenchaves, M.D.

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CT Scan and MRI: Danilo Lagamayo, M.D.
PET Scan: Jonas Santiago, M.D.

03:40-03:50 OPEN FORUM

03:50-05:00 REGIONAL CONSENSUS ON HARMONIZING THE MMSE
Simeon M. Marasigan, M.D.
Resource Person: Lourdes K. Ledesma, Ph.D.

07:00-09:00 INDUSTRY SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM (HI-EISAI)
"The Role of Donepezil in the Management of Dementia"
Speaker: Norman Relkin, M.D.

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Woman catches robber with his pants down

By Luige del Puerto

HE CAME. He robbed. And he pulled his pants down. Fruit vendor Rodrigo Carilla paid dearly for staying too long in a crime scene.

Barangay watchmen yesterday turned over Carilla to the police for allegedly robbing the house of a record bar clerk in Mandaluyong City.

The police said the victim, Ma. Jesusa Mingo, 22, positively identified Carilla, 31, as the man she saw outside her house in Welfareville Compound, Barangay Addition Hills.

Mingo told police she caught Carilla with his pants down, his eyes closed, and his genitals in hand.

"I can never forget his face," Mingo said. "How could I? I saw him holding his organ and his eyes were closed."

Investigation revealed that Mingo woke up at around 5 a.m. after she noticed that her boyfriend was no longer beside her.

As she looked for him, Mingo said she noticed that her door was slightly ajar.

When she checked, she said she saw Carilla outside the house.

"I hurriedly closed the door and waited for a few minutes," she said. "I then noticed that my belongings were gone."

Mingo sought the help of barangay watchmen who arrested Carilla at his house in Welfareville Compound, just a few blocks from the victim's house.

Behind bars, Carilla admitted he took Mingo's Adidas rubber shoes and handbag which contained P5,000. But he vehemently denied masturbating outside Mingo's house.

He told police he was going to use the money to buy fruits to peddle.

Tons of shabu chemicals seized in Paco warehouse

By Leila Salaverria

AGENTS of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency yesterday raided a warehouse in Paco, Manila and discovered tons of chemicals and various equipment used in the manufacture of shabu.

Yesterday's raid came a day after 130 boxes of a shabu ingredient were seized in another warehouse in Tondo, Manila.

Authorities hit the warehouse of Pac Atlantic Shipping Lines on Sanciangco Street, Otis, Paco, at around 6:30 a.m., after they learned from the owners that several suspicious packages had remained unclaimed for 30 days.

PDEA agents then obtained a search warrant from a Manila Regional Trial Court.

Senior Insp. Helson Walin led the PDEA team that confiscated boxes of assorted chemicals like acetone, sodium acetate anhydrous, sodium hydroxide, activated carbon powder and hydrochloric acid, which police said are all used in the manufacture of the prohibited drug.

Police also seized boxes of porcelain funnels, flask tabulations, filter paper and oil pumps.

Taken together, the entire shipment weighs 8,401 kilograms, police said.

All were reportedly shipped from Taiwan and had arrived in two batches. The first batch weighed 4,207 kilos, while the second weighed 4,194 kilos, police said.

PDEA Director Anselmo Avenido and Interior and Local Government Secretary Joey Lina were also present during yesterday's raid and confirmed that the confiscated equipment were vital ingredients in the production of shabu.

According to lawyer Ruel Lasala of the National Bureau of Investigation, the authorities would continue to crack down on shabu laboratories and storehouses, especially now that the government has allotted P1 billion for the undertaking.

Drug smugglers get more canny, sophisticated

WHEN the authorities discovered caches of shabu chemicals in two Manila warehouses, they had also stumbled on the new modus operandi of drug syndicates.

Lawyer Ruel Lasala of the National Bureau of Investigation yesterday said that drug smugglers are employing more sophisticated means to conceal the shipment of chemicals used to produce shabu.

Lasala said that in Friday's raid at a warehouse in Tondo, the authorities found that the chemicals used in the manufacture of shabu had been placed in bottles sealed in tin cans, bearing the label "bamboo shoot fresh meat."

"Since the chemicals have been sealed in tin cans, which were then placed in boxes, they can escape the detection of drug-sniffing dogs," Lasala said. "We don't possess a giant X-ray machine that can be used to examine container vans, which means that some drug shipments could come in undetected." *Leila Salaverria*

METROBRIEFS

Trader's house gutted

FIRE yesterday hit the house of a businesswoman in Caloocan City. Arson investigators estimated property damage at P1 million. The fire broke out at 7:25 a.m. in Pamela Ross' house on Simplicio Street, Sta. Quiteria. The fire lasted for an hour before it was contained. *Tina Santos*

Elderly robbed

IT WAS supposed to be another ordinary Saturday for senior citizen Manuel Versoza. But as Versoza stepped out of his house on Busilak Street in Mandaluyong for a brisk walk, a car pulled up in front of him. Two men got out, poked a gun at him, took his wallet which contained P12,000 in cash, and his necklace. A third man remained inside the green Honda Civic (VIW 365), Versoza told the police. *Luige del Puerto*

Gas station hit

TWO MEN yesterday pulled off a heist at a Shell gasoline station beside a busy highway in Marikina. Police said the unidentified men announced the robbery at 10 a.m., just when traffic was heaviest on E. Rodriguez Ave. The suspects, armed with a handgun, used a motorcycle to make their getaway. The pair carted off with a total of P24,000. *Luige del Puerto*

Cab stolen

DRIVER William Rumusud on Saturday lost his cab to two men in Mandaluyong City. Rumusud, 33, said the suspects flagged him down in neighboring Pasig City at about 4:30 a.m. When they reached Sta. Rosa Street, the two announced the heist. One was armed with a bladed weapon, and the other a handgun, Rumusud told police. *Luige del Puerto*

ADMU concert

THE ATENEO de Manila College Class of 1983 is celebrating its 20th anniversary through a concert reunion, "Still Senti at 20!" on Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. The event, to be held at the Forum in Podium, Ortigas Center, was organized by Bong Mojica, Gina Perdices-Mojica, Carmela Capay-Casis, Anay Mayoralgo-Zalamea and James Bernas, among others. "Still Senti at 20!" highlights the Overdrive band, and features Class '83 batchmates Kedy Sanchez and Jim Ayson. Tickets are priced at P500 each.

NBI collars passport scam suspect in Pasay

DUNGCA

THE SUSPECTED mastermind of a passport scam, duping over a hundred persons, has been arrested by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation.

Agents of the NBI-Interpol division arrested Linda Dungca in Pasay City on Thursday after a three-day search, said Interpol chief, lawyer Ricardo Diaz.

He said Interpol agents had been able to obtain three arrest warrants for Dungca for cases of estafa and swindling.

Diaz said Dungca had been accused of conning over a hundred persons into letting her use their passports and visas to obtain tickets to Europe. Dungca allegedly promised the victims that they would, in return, get shares to a $2-billion account supposedly deposited in a German bank. The money, Dungca claimed, was part of the Marcos loot.

But before the Europe trip could even materialize, Dungca and her cohorts allegedly ran off with the passports and visas, some of which were even US visas and Schenjen passports.

The latter requires no picture and allows the bearer to easily travel to member-countries of the European Union.

The victims later learned that their passports and visas had been sold to Filipinos who wish to travel abroad and then go into hiding.

The passports were reportedly priced at P1 million for a US visa, and P500,000 for a Schenjen passport. *Leila Salaverria*

Boy dies after man slams gate on his head

A BOY, aged 3, was killed in Manila on Friday night after a security guard had allegedly slammed a gate on his head just as the boy was trying to reach a P1 coin.

SP04 Alfredo Salazar said that Aeros Orbeta, of Beata, Pandacan, had been playing with other children on Lorenzo dela Paz Street, when the boy's coin rolled under the gate of the E. Ramos Construction Company.

Salazar said that Orbeta was trying to get the coin when security guard Sainodin Latip, 21, of Tugatog, Malabon, allegedly shut and then opened the 16-by-10 feet wooden gate quickly.

In the process, Orbeta's head was smashed, leaving splotches of blood and fragments of bone in the scene.

Witnesses told Salazar that Latip went out of the gate after hitting the boy, picked up his body and put him down on the ground.

Latip was arrested after Orbeta's playmates had pointed to him as the man who slammed the gate.

Salazar said the security guard had denied that he deliberately slammed the gate on the child.

Orbeta's body was taken to the Universal Funeral Parlor. *Leila Salaverria*

Police clears Sumulong in wife's death

THE POLICE yesterday ruled out that there was foul play in the death of Michelle Jalandoni Sumulong, wife of Antipolo Rep. Vic Sumulong.

Antipolo City police chief Supt. Primitivo Tabujara, Jr. based this declaration on the findings of the scene of the crime operatives (SOCO) team, the autopsy report on Michelle's body, and the paraffin test conducted on the congressman and five other members of his household.

Tabujara said they all tested negative. Only Michelle's right hand tested positive with powder burns.

"The SOCO report said that what had happened was most likely a suicide," the police chief said. "As such, this case is considered close."

Tabujara said the solon and his wife's family no longer wanted to pursue the investigation.

Michelle on Thursday morning was found dead inside the couple's master bedroom at the Sumulong Compound in Barangay San Roque.

Police said she shot herself in the right temple, using a 9-mm pistol.

Sumulong said his wife was a paranoid schizophrenic. A few days before the suicide, Michelle's condition got worse, he said.

Against the doctors' advise, she had gone home from the hospital and had stopped taking medications. She said she could no longer bear the drugs' side effects, the congressman said.

"I wanted her to go back to the hospital, but she insisted that she was never going back to the asylum."

Sumulong said he relented and told Michelle to instead go upstairs to take a rest.

It was his last conversation with his wife. *Luige del Puerto*

MMDA men mauled, stabbed, stoned–all in a day's work

By Margaux Ortiz

ALEX Loma's work as a driver for the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) takes more heart than guts.

Loma, 25, said that since the MMDA hired him earlier this year, he has grown to love his job, despite the dangers that go with it.

"For illegal vendors, the mere sight of the MMDA light blue uniform gets their blood boiling," a soft-spoken Loma told the INQUIRER in Filipino.

"Some of the vendors would maul, even stab my companions, when they recognize their faces out in the streets," he said.

Loma explained that there are actually two units working the streets: the clearing group that remove physical obstructions on sidewalks like billboards, shanties and stalls; and the anti-illegal vendors group that takes care of the hawkers.

Loma said that as a driver, he gets to work with both groups.

He said he applied for the position last January because he wanted to be a government worker.

"I had heard about the violence and the danger that faced MMDA personnel everyday, but I just thought of them as challenges," Loma said.

Challenge, Loma stressed, was not new to him.

ICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WITH the kind of excitement Alex Loma is getting working for the MMDA, he might as well have joined the Marines. At right, Alex after he was wounded by irate vendors during a clearing operation in Baclaran. Center, the truck Alex was driving—after the vendors had had their way with it.

JOAN BONDOC

Loma, a native of Bicol, learned to deal with poverty early in life as the eighth child in a brood of nine.

He said he helped his farmer father carry sacks of unmilled rice in the field before he was ten years old.

While he was in high school, he became the resident "waterboy" of the school canteen to support himself.

Every day, Loma had to get 40 liters of water in the valley and deliver it to the school canteen on top of a hill.

His determination, Loma said proudly, earned him the respect of his teachers and fellow students.

"I was student government president for two years, and the teachers took turns in taking me to lunch," Loma said, smiling.

But his eyes welled up when he talked about his mother, a cook, who died of leukemia when he was in third year high school.

"She was my driving force and she fueled my dreams," Loma said.

But despite going through many difficulties, Loma graduated from high school and went to Manila to work.

For five years, he worked as a technician, security guard, driver and even a maintenance man for a subdivision.

He often juggled two to three jobs at the same time to support his family.

In January 2003, Loma grabbed the chance to be part of the MMDA clearing operations group.

"I knew of many MMDA men who had come close to losing their lives, whether they were on or off duty," Loma said.

But Loma said he was not aware that he would experience the danger firsthand in less than a year with the agency.

On July 4, Loma was right in the middle of a violent confrontation between vendors and an MMDA clearing team in Baclaran.

He recalled how the violence erupted as soon as his companions began clearing the streets.

"I was waiting for my companions inside the truck when one of the vendors fell dead because of a stray bullet," Loma said.

He said that a large stone suddenly hurtled out of nowhere and hit him on the head.

"I felt dizzy, but I tried hard not to close my eyes because I knew I could die if I did," Loma said with a shudder. "I realized that I was being made to pay for the death of one of the vendors."

Loma said he saw an angry mob outside the truck he was driving, pelting his vehicle with stones, shattering the windshield and the windows.

Loma said that after a few minutes, he fell unconscious in the truck seat.

A policeman took him to a nearby precinct before calling for an ambulance.

Loma said that the experience has unnerved him—enough to send his family back to Bicol.

"I was afraid that the vendors would get back at them," Loma said.

He added that even though many people would constantly give them evil stares, it was the constant cheers and praises from concerned citizens that keeps him going every day.

"It's a nice feeling that people are happy because their surroundings are clean and orderly," Loma said.

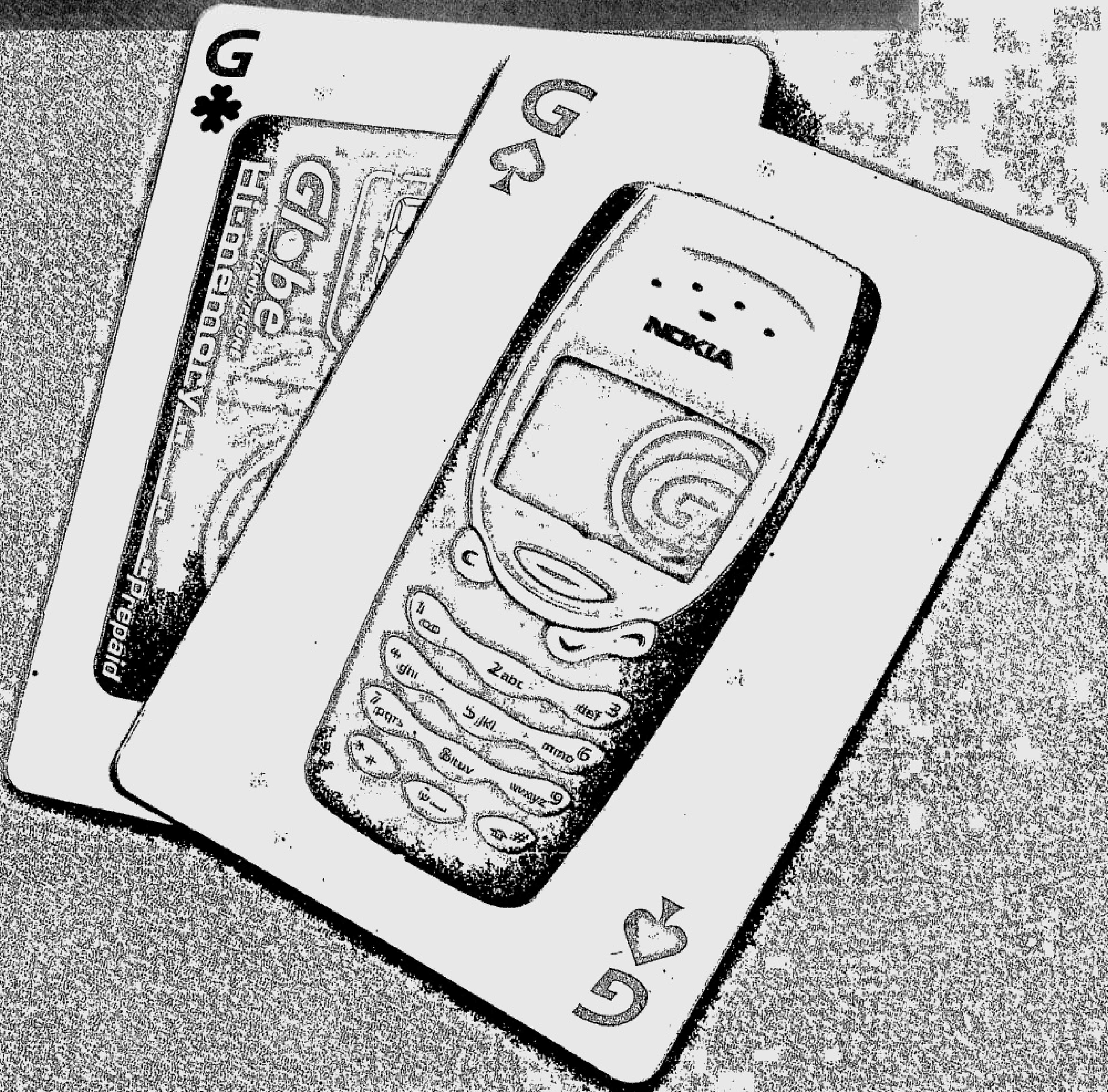
The MMDA man said he loves his job so much that he often goes beyond his usual duties.

"I'm supposed to be just the driver, but I also help in the actual clearing operations," he said, showing his calloused hands as proof.

Loma said that everybody has a role to play in the community.

"It just so happened that this is our role," Loma said. "We hope that everyone would understand that what we are doing will ultimately benefit them."

winning pair



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BASKETBALL: NBA Greatest Game-Sonics vs Rockets, Game 7, 1997 Western Semifinals; 8 a.m.; Solar Sports—Three savvy veterans, all members of the NBA Top 50 Club, lead the way for Houston in Game 7 of the Western Conference Semifinals against Seattle. Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon, forward Charles Barkley and guard Clyde Drexler prove to be too much for the visiting Sonics as they pull away late in the fourth quarter and capture the series.

UAAP PLAYOFF GAMES

Warriors, Tams clash for No. 2 slot in last 4

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
11 a.m.- Ateneo vs Adamson (Jrs)
2 p.m.—Ateneo vs La Salle (Women's)
4 p.m.—UE vs FEU (Men's)
6 p.m.—UE vs UST (Jrs)

UE's James Yap

THE DRAMA and suspense-filled UAAP basketball theater resumes today at the Araneta Coliseum with four playoff games which will determine the standings in the much-awaited Final Four of the men's, women's and junior divisions.

Title-hungry University of the East and equally determined Far Eastern collide at 4 p.m. for the second twice-to-beat edge in the men's division, while Ateneo and La Salle extend their bitter rivalry to women's basketball at 2 p.m.

UE battles UST in the 6 p.m. nightcap to determine the fourth and final team in the juniors Final Four.

In the 11 a.m. curtain-raiser, Ateneo and Adamson clash with the winner getting the top juniors spot and the loser meeting La Salle-Zobel in the semis.

The Lady Archers and the Lady Eagles, already in the semis with identical 7-5 cards, tangle to decide the No. 3 team in the Final Four. Both split their elimination matches.

The winner meets University of the Philippines and the loser faces top qualifier Adamson in the semis.

Ateneo and Adamson finished tied at the end of the juniors eliminations with 10-2 cards, while UE and UST were 6-6.

Focus, however, will be on the duel between the Warriors and the Tamaraws for the No. 2 slot in the Final Four. UE, FEU and Ateneo actually finished with identical 11-3 slates at the end of the eliminations, but the Eagles gained top spot due to a superior quotient.

Thus Ateneo will enjoy a twice-to-beat edge over rival La Salle in the men's Final Four set on Sept. 25 at the Araneta Coliseum.

"This is a big game for us," said UE mentor Boyzie Zamar. "Big-time players deliver in big games."

The Warriors bowed to the Tamaraws in the first round, 64-62, but bounced back with a 77-72 win in the second round.

Gerard Jones, Cesar Catli, Rhagnee Sinco, Mark Isip and Dennis Miranda will lead the Tamaraws. If Arwind Santos recovers his deadly form in the first round then UE is in trouble.

A fastbreaking team, UE will live and die with playmaker Paul Artadi and swingman James Yap. Zamar's support crew has also been playing very well in the second round and should trouble the shaky FEU defense.

Olan Omiping, RJ Masbang, Jay-ar Estrada, Arnold Booker, Rommel Canaleta and Paolo Hubalde are capable of giving the Warriors the needed push come crunchtime.

Dennis U. Eroa

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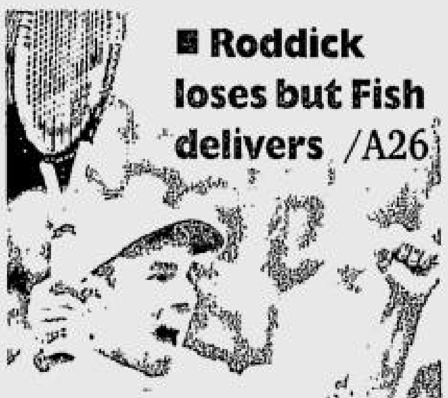

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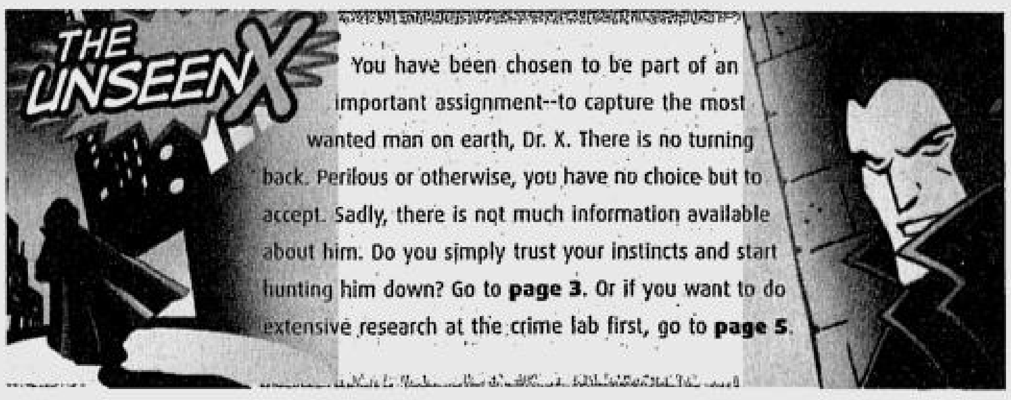

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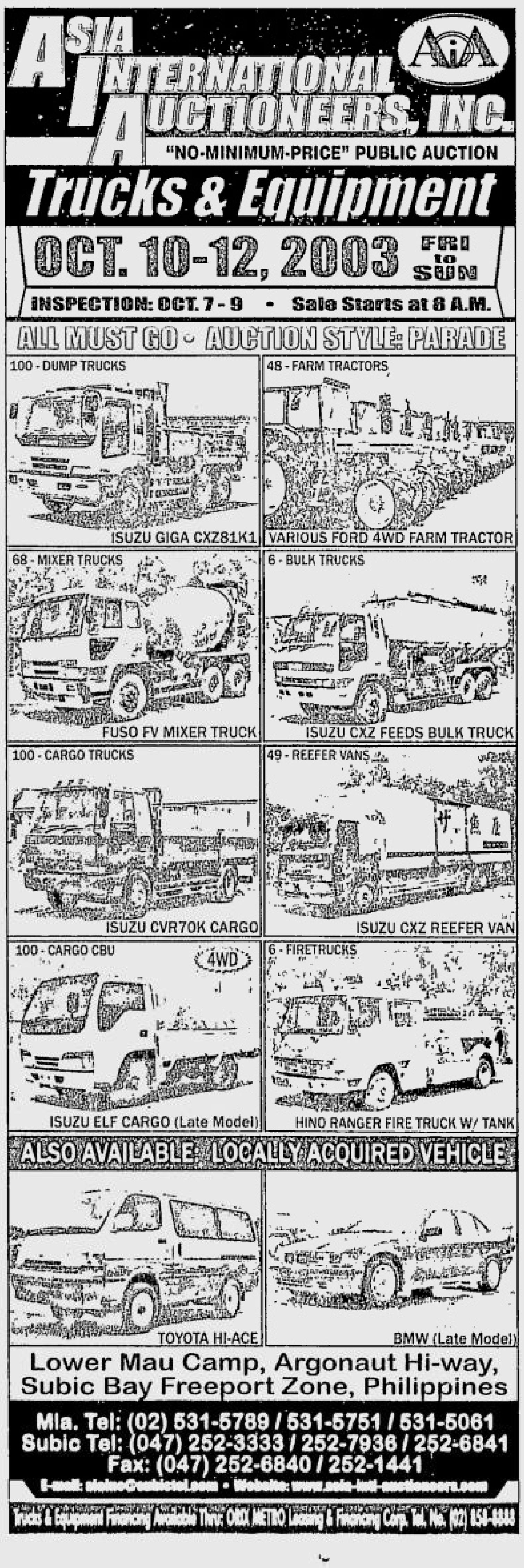

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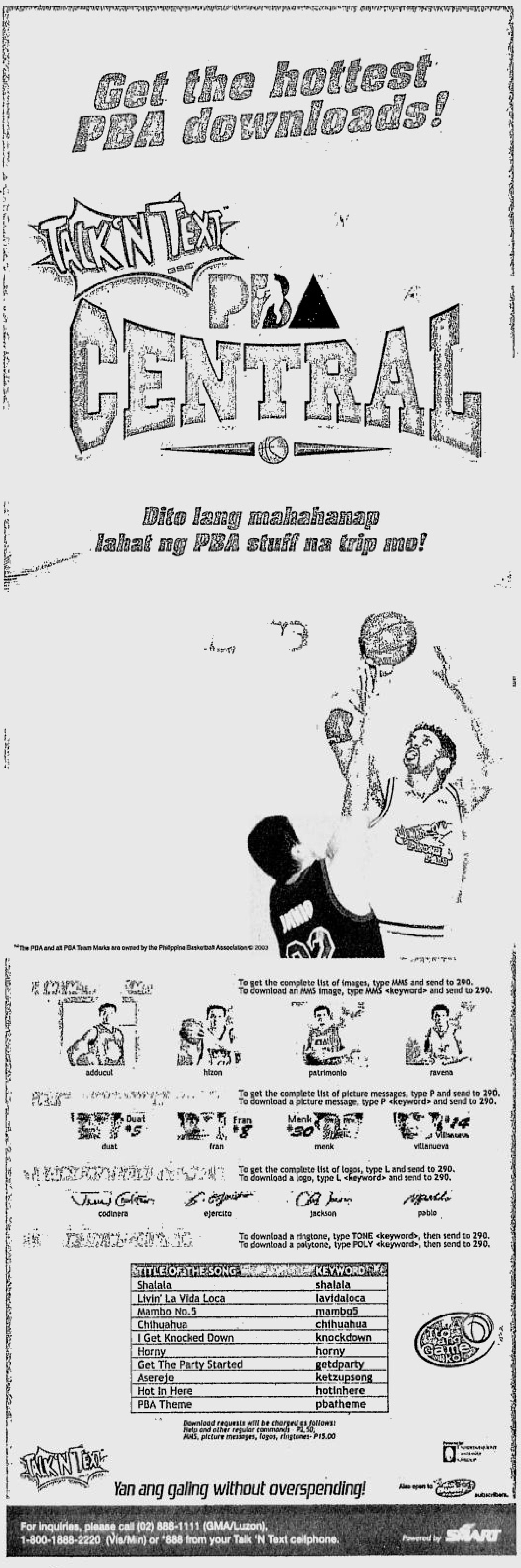

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Chinese sweep first 4 golds in trackfest

By Roy Luarca

QIUYAN Huang broke the Asian Athletic Association women's triple jump record yesterday to put the expected Chinese juggernaut into motion in Day One of the 15th 3As Championships at the Rizal track and field stadium.

Meiju Li, Tao Wu and Sun Yingjie followed suit by ruling their respective events and giving China a sweep of the first four gold medals staked in the four-day, 42-nation tourney.

The 5-foot-5 Huang cleared 14.39 meters, eclipsing the 14.11m posted by compatriot Ren Ruiping in the 1998 Fukuoka edition and surpassing her own Asian Games mark of 4.28m set last year in Busan

"Happy" was all the 23-year-old national champion could say to the media.

In contrast, Wu expressed disappointment with his heave of 61.43m in the men's discus throw that was way off his personal best of 63.48m.

Li, a 22-year-old student at the Tianjin Physical Education University, threw 18.45m, besting compatriot Fengfeng Li's 18.07m.

Yingjie, who took part in this year's Beijing Marathon, lived up to her favorite's role by topping the women's 10,000m in 32:37.04. Her effort was way below her personal best of 30:07.00.

The Chinese are bidding to capture the overall supremacy in the event held in Colombo, Sri Lanka last year.

Action shifts to high gear today with 15 golds at stake.

Lerma Bulauitan-Gabito and Marestella Torres, the Philippines' strongest medal prospects, will be seeing action in the women's long jump where Asian Games champion Anju Bobby George and reigning 3As titlist and three-time Asian Grand Prix winner Yelena Kochsheyeva of Kazakhstan are also entered.

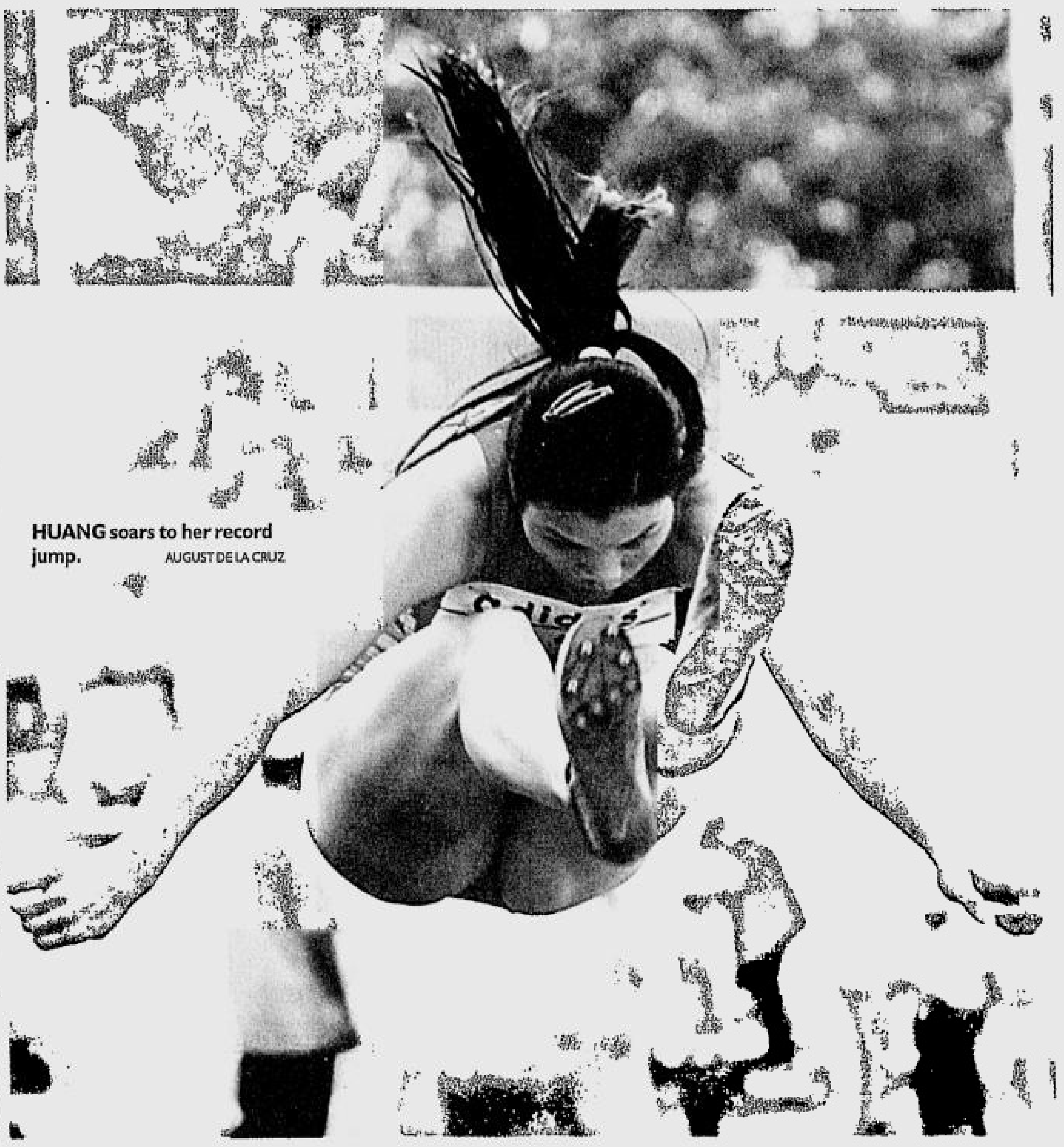
Gabito holds a personal best of 6.48 m she did in topping the Manila Grand Prix last July, while Kochsheyeva owns a career-best 6.61 m. George boasts a leap of 6.73m in the Busan Asiad. Torres' best effort is 6.40m.

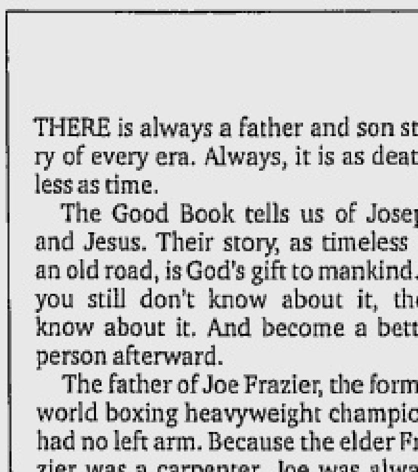
Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association president Go Teng Kok is hoping that the local crowd would spur Torres and Gabito to finish creditably.

Other finals today are the men's hammer throw, where Arnel Ferrera and Jerro Perates are entered; the women's high jump, featuring Narcisa Atienza and Sheena Atilano; the men's 400m, where Ernie Candelario is the lone RP bet, and the women's 400m where Julie Rose Forbes and Grace Melgar are seen in action.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's welcome speech was read by Tourism Undersecretary and former Philippine Sports commissioner Cynthia Carrion.

Among those present during the inaugural rites were 3As president Shri Suresh Kalmadi and PSC chair Eric Buhain.


HUANG soars to her record jump. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ


CLUTARIO

Clutario settles for Masters silver

LIZA Clutario settled for the silver medal in the women's Masters of the 15th World Tenpin Bowling Championships yesterday, yielding to American Diandra Hyman, 400-390, in the two-game final in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Clutario, a member of the victorious Philippine women's trios and bronze medalist in the all-events, took the first game, 206-205, but collapsed in the second game with a 184 against Hyman's 195.

Korean Lee Eun Ock got the bronze after being beaten by Hyman, 189-147, in their knockout match for the right to meet Clutario, who secured the pole position, by dominating the qualifying stage.

Clutario ran into severe trouble in the second to fourth frames with horrible splits and fell behind by as many as 30 pins in match 2. Three strikes in a row from the seventh frame, then an eight-spare and a strike enabled her to close the gap in the end.

Australia's Michael Little clinched the men's Masters title at the expense of American Tim Mack, 430-375.

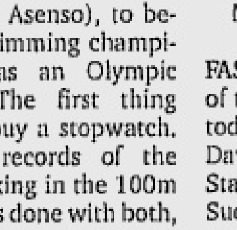
Little had earlier beaten United Arab Emirates' Mohd Al Qubaisi, 179-174, in match 1 of the stepladder finals.

Roy Luarca

Father and son

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza



THERE is always a father and son story of every era. Always, it is as deathless as time.

The Good Book tells us of Joseph and Jesus. Their story, as timeless as an old road, is God's gift to mankind. If you still don't know about it, then know about it. And become a better person afterward.

The father of Joe Frazier, the former world boxing heavyweight champion, had no left arm. Because the elder Frazier was a carpenter, Joe was always referred to as the elder Frazier's left arm. Joe held the nail and his father hammered it. Joe held the wood and his father sawed it. Joe used his father's right hand as target during training. When Joe Frazier became world champion, his father had his son's crown lifted up for the world to see.

Michael Jordan had a father who loved him till the day he died; his body was found along the freeway. His Airness' father had been killed on suspicion that he ran afoul with a gambling syndicate. Their closeness was legend.

Virtually behind every successful athlete is a father.

World bowling champion Paeng Nepomuceno had father, Mang Angel, who nurtured his career since childhood. Without Mang Angel, we would not have a Paeng who was world champion once every 10 years for three decades since the '70s.

Another Mang Angel of another mould brought us one of the greatest athletes of our time—Alvin Patrimonio, the basketball star.

Lydia de Vega, the fastest woman in Asia in the '80s, had her Tatang de Vega, the strictest father I've ever seen who once defied the brutality of martial law by barring Lydia from going abroad if he was not with her daughter.

Without Richard Williams, there would be no Sister Act in tennis—Venus and Serena Williams. Richard quit being a salesman and devoted his life to training his two daughters to become what they are today—the best that female tennis can offer.

And, yes, who can forget Tiger Woods' father, the former Green Beret who gave his son a golf club when he was barely 10 months old. Even when Tiger could barely start walking, the elder Woods had already drilled in Tiger's mind the value of discipline if he were to aim for golf success. From the very start, it was Tiger who always packed his golf set each time father and son went to either the driving range or the golf course.

But there were others who climbed the summit without a father but still made it to the top. Robert Jaworski, Philippine basketball's Mr. Forever/Living Legend, was one. Another was Jesus A. Garcia Jr., one of the most intelligent champions RP cycling has ever produced. They were the exceptions to the rule.

A long time ago in Barangay Barikir, a story goes that Apunay Isuna, a big fan of Johnny Weissmuller, wanted his son, Enso (fullname: Asenso), to become an Olympic swimming champion. Weissmuller was an Olympic swimmer himself. The first thing Apunay did was to buy a stopwatch. Next, he dug up records of the Olympiad's best clocking in the 100m freestyle. After he was done with both, Apunay embarked on his mission.

"Son," said Apunay to Enso, "I will make you an Olympic swimming champion."

Enso, who was barely five years old, said to his father, "What's that, Dad?"

"Son, to win an Olympic gold medal is the highest form of athletic excellence," Apunay said. "Because of me, you will become the best Olympic swimmer in the 100m freestyle."

However, on the way to the river for their first day of training, the two met an accident. A tree, buffeted by strong winds caused by Typhoon Kabusor, fell on them. The accident left Apunay paralyzed for life from the waist down. Miraculously, Enso suffered only a minor scratch in his arm.

With the accident, Apunay's dream burst. He sold the stopwatch to help pay for hospital bills.

Moral of the story: Never attempt to train outdoors when the weather's rough.

But there's a lesson to be learned here: Set a goal. Using your child as model, grandchild if you will, set sail.

Make sure the skies are clear.

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FASTBREAK. Catch the final staging of the "Little Mermaid" in Davao City today at The Cap Auditorium. From Davao, the ballet fairytale, with Girlie Sta. Maria Royeca, Gina Luz Bringas Suelto and Ann-G Daque as artistic directors, will be staged at the Lagao Gymnasium in General Santos City on Sept. 27. The Cagayan de Oro City play dates are on Oct. 4-5 at the Capitol University Gymnasium. Gregory Aaron and Nicolas Pacana of the Atlanta Festival Ballet of Georgia, USA, choreographed the immortal classic. For inquiries, call 083-301-8992 (GenSan), 082-227-4228 (Davao) and 857-2321 (Cagayan).

Aquino stars as Sta. Lucia nips San Mig

GAMES TODAY (*Cuneta Astrodome*)
4:00 p.m.—Shell vs Talk 'N Text
6:30 p.m.—Alaska vs Red Bull

By June Navarro

MARLOU Aquino bucked a sore throat to carry Sta. Lucia Realty to a 74-71 win over San Miguel Beer last night in the Samsung-PBA Reinforced Conference at the Centro Escolar University gym in Malolos, Bulacan.

The 6-foot-9 pivotman came up with five straight points in the homestretch while the Beermen collapsed after taking a 68-66 lead to lift the Realtors to their third victory in four games.

Aquino preserved the sterling performances of Dennis Espino and Nate James, who came up with double-double figures as they took advantage of the limited minutes given SMB import Shea Seals.

With Seals going 0 of 9 from the field, the Beermen absorbed their fifth straight loss as the worst team thus far.

The Beermen had a chance to send the game into overtime but Paolo Mendoza bottled up Olsen Racela on his way to a possible three-pointer as time expired.

Meanwhile, Purefoods put its heartbreaking setback against Talk 'N Text Friday under protest, contending there was no more time when Damien Cantrell fired the shot that lifted the Phone Pals to an 82-80 squeaker over the Hotdogs.

TV replays showed that, with eight-tenths of a second left, Cantrell launched a floating jumper after catching the inbound pass, the ball leaving his hands just as the red light on top of the goal flashed to indicate the end of the game.

Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio said human error was involved in the controversial decision to count the basket, pointing out that the timer did not restart the clock simultaneous with Cantrell's receiving the throw-in.

Commissioner Noli Eala, who received the protest yesterday afternoon, vowed to come up with a decision either today or tomorrow.

It was the second time this season that the TJ Hotdogs had filed a complaint regarding a setback caused by a buzzer-beater.

In the All Filipino Cup against FedEx, Purefoods also claimed time had expired when Jerry Codiñera converted the winning shot.

The Hotdogs' protest didn't prosper however.

Scores:

STA. LUCIA 74—James 24, Aquino 14, Espino 13, Francisco 7, Santos 5, Victolero 4, Mendoza 3, Ong 2, Tan 0, Adriano 0, Webb 0, Bat-og 0.

SAN MIGUEL 71—Mente 24, Ildefonso 14, Hontiveros 12, Belasco 10, Victoria 5, Paras 2, Seals 2, Racela 2.

Quarters: 15-14, 33-31, 52-52, 74-71.

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☐Five
☐Six

4 > 10 Pts.
As for the court itself, it is how many feet long?
☐40
☐44
☐50

5 > 20 Pts.
When and where was badminton first played as an official Olympic sport?
☐1964 - Tokyo
☐1976 - Montreal
☐1984 - Los Angeles
☐1992 - Barcelona

6 > 25 Pts.
The world men's badminton championships is known as the Thomas Cup. What about for women?
☐Sudirman Cup
☐Corbillon Cup
☐Uber Cup
☐Swaythling Cup

7 > 30 Pts.
Name the 19th-century nobleman who introduced the sport to royalty at his country estate in Gloucestershire, England, called Badminton House, after which the modern game got its name.

ANSWERS/ A28

Bata nips Django, remains unbeaten

EFREN "Bata" Reyes downed Filipino compatriot Francisco "Django" Bustamante, 11-10, Friday night to remain undefeated after day 5 of the 28th Annual US 9-Ball tilt.

The 49-year-old Mexico, Pampanga-born Reyes won the last two racks to score his first victory over Bustamante in their last three meetings.

Bustamante, the world pool runner-up last year to Earl Strickland, rallied from 0-3 and broke for the match at 10-9, but couldn't go all the way.

The 39-year-old Bustamante had earlier trounced North Terrance, California-based Filipino Santos Sambajon, 11-8, in the bracket 2 winner-side division to move up against Reyes, who beat Donnie Mills, 11-4.

Bustamante went into the match boasting of recent wins over Reyes in the last world pool championship in Cardiff and in the $50,000 winner-take-all International Challenge of Champions in Connecticut, USA with similar 11-8 scores.

In bracket 1, Filipino-Canadian Alex "The Lion" Pagulayan edged Jose Garcia, 11-10, but suffered his first loss at the hands of Keith "The Earthquake" McCready, 11-10, in the next round.

McCready also beat John Newton, 11-4.

BATA

Jose "Amang" Parica, now based in La Puente, California, clobbered Mike Davis, 11-2, and will clash in the next round with Danny Hewitt, who beat former US Open champion Johnny "The Scorpion" Archer, 11-10.

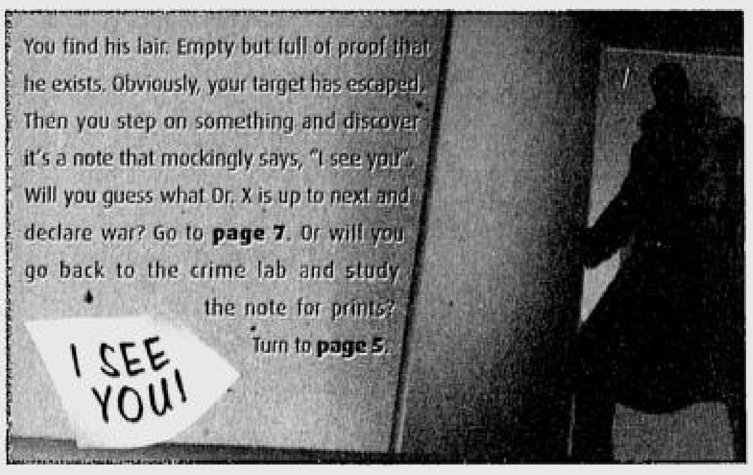
In the loser's bracket, Rodolfo "Boy Samson" Luat beat Danny Medina, 11-6, after an earlier 11-2 win over Bill Hammock.

Luat had earlier lost to Reyes, 11-6, in day two of the winner-side bracket.

Meanwhile, defending champion Ralf "Kaiser" Souquet of Germany nipped Amar Kang, 11-6, to move up in the next round against Joe Korsiak, who crushed Karl Sloezen, 11-4.

Souquet edged Swedish Marcus Chamat, 11-10, earlier.

In other matches, Italian Fabio Petroni upset American Earl "The Pearl "Strickland, 11-10; Neils "Terminator" Feijen of the Netherlands surprised former US Open titlist Corey Deuel, 11-9; Luc Salvas .crushed Nick Varner, 11-; Jeremy Jones walloped John Schmidt, 11-8; and Rodney Morris trounced Eric Moore, 11-4. *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*


You find his lair. Empty but full of proof that he exists. Obviously, your target has escaped. Then you step on something and discover it's a note that mockingly says, "I see you". Will you guess what Dr. X is up to next and declare war? Go to **page 7**. Or will you go back to the crime lab and study the note for prints? Turn to **page 5**.

WIE tees off on the 11th hole. AFP

Wie still can't play with boys, misses cut in Boise meet

BOISE, Idaho—Michelle Wie wants another shot at playing with the boys.

The 13-year-old missed the cut for a second time in a men's tournament this season, but said she would be ready to try again after a little more practice.

"I think I'll make the cut next time," Wie said.

Wie sounded as determined as she was confident after shooting a 5-over 76 on Friday in the second round of the Boise Open.

Her 36-hole total was 12-over 154, 12 shots from making the cut and better only than one golfer in the field at the Nationwide Tour event.

"I had a lot of fun this week, even though I didn't play as well as I wanted to," said Wie, who had a two-stroke improvement over Thursday's opening round.

Brian Wilson, who had a 67 Friday, and Roger Tambellini, who had a 65, were tied for the lead at 9-under 133.

Wie, who missed the cut in a Canadian Tour event last month, said she'd like another shot at playing in a men's tournament. She also said she'd accept another sponsor's exemption to play in Boise next fall.

Meanwhile, hurricane Isabel's heavy rains and high winds blew through here Friday, forcing postponement of the second round of the $4-million PGA Pennsylvania Classic. *AP, AFP*

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Rosales, Que rally with 68, keep slim Cup hopes alive

GERALD Rosales and Angelo Que fired a best-ball 4-under-par 68 yesterday and kept their slim hopes of making it to the World Cup after the third round of the Nations Cup golf tournament at the Laguna National Golf and Country Club in Singapore.

With their earlier rounds of 68-76, the Filipinos tied for seventh with Malaysia at 212, only three strokes behind third-running Finland and two off the fourth-placed Thailand squad.

Only the top four teams in this event qualify to the World Cup set in November in Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Based on their consistent forms, Myanmar and China have the first two places locked up. Kyi Hla Han and Aung Win kept Myanmar on top with a 68 for 204 while the Chinese pair of Liang Wen Chong and Zheng Wen Gen grabbed solo second at 206 with a 67.

Finland was third at 209 and Thailand fourth at 210 with India and host Singapore tied at 211.

To qualify, Rosales and Que should shoot an outstanding round in the alternate shot format on the last day. They stumbled to a 76 under the same format in the second round.

Meanwhile, Frankie Miñoza shot a horrendous 7-over-par 79 and fell into a tie for 42nd after three rounds of the ANA Open at the Sapporo Golf Club in Hokkaido, Japan.

The top Filipino pro double bogeyed three times and broke 80 only by scoring his second birdie on the 18th for 219 total. He also had three bogeys in his worst round after earlier scores of 68-70.

Frankie stood 14 strokes behind Taiwanese leader Yeh Wei Tze, who matched par 72 for 205.

3rd round scores:

204—Myanmar 66, 70, 68 (Kyi Hla Han and Aung Win)

206—China 69, 70, 67 (Liang Wen Chong and Zheng Wen Gen)

209—Finland 67, 70, 72 (Sakari Aho and Mika Lehtinen)

210—Thailand 66, 74, 70 (Jamnian Chitprasong and Pornsakon Tipsanit)

211—India 70, 73, 68 (Digvijay Singh and Gaurav Ghei), Singapore 70, 72, 69 (Poh Eng Wah and Madasamy Murugiah)

212—Malaysia 71, 73, 68 (Danny Chia and Periasamy Gunasegaran), Philippines 68, 76, 68 (Gerald Rosales and Angelo Que)

213—Taiwan 69, 73, 71 (Tsai Chi Huang and Lu Wen Teh), Sri Lanka 69, 71, 73 (nandasena Perera and Anua Rohana) AFP

GDAP Invt'l golfest on tomorrow at Sta. Elena

THE SECOND Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines (GDAP) Invitational golf tournament, the aperitif to the 8th Philippine International Golf Show, will be held tomorrow at the multi-awarded Sta. Elena Golf Club course in Cabuyao, Laguna. Sequential tee-off is from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

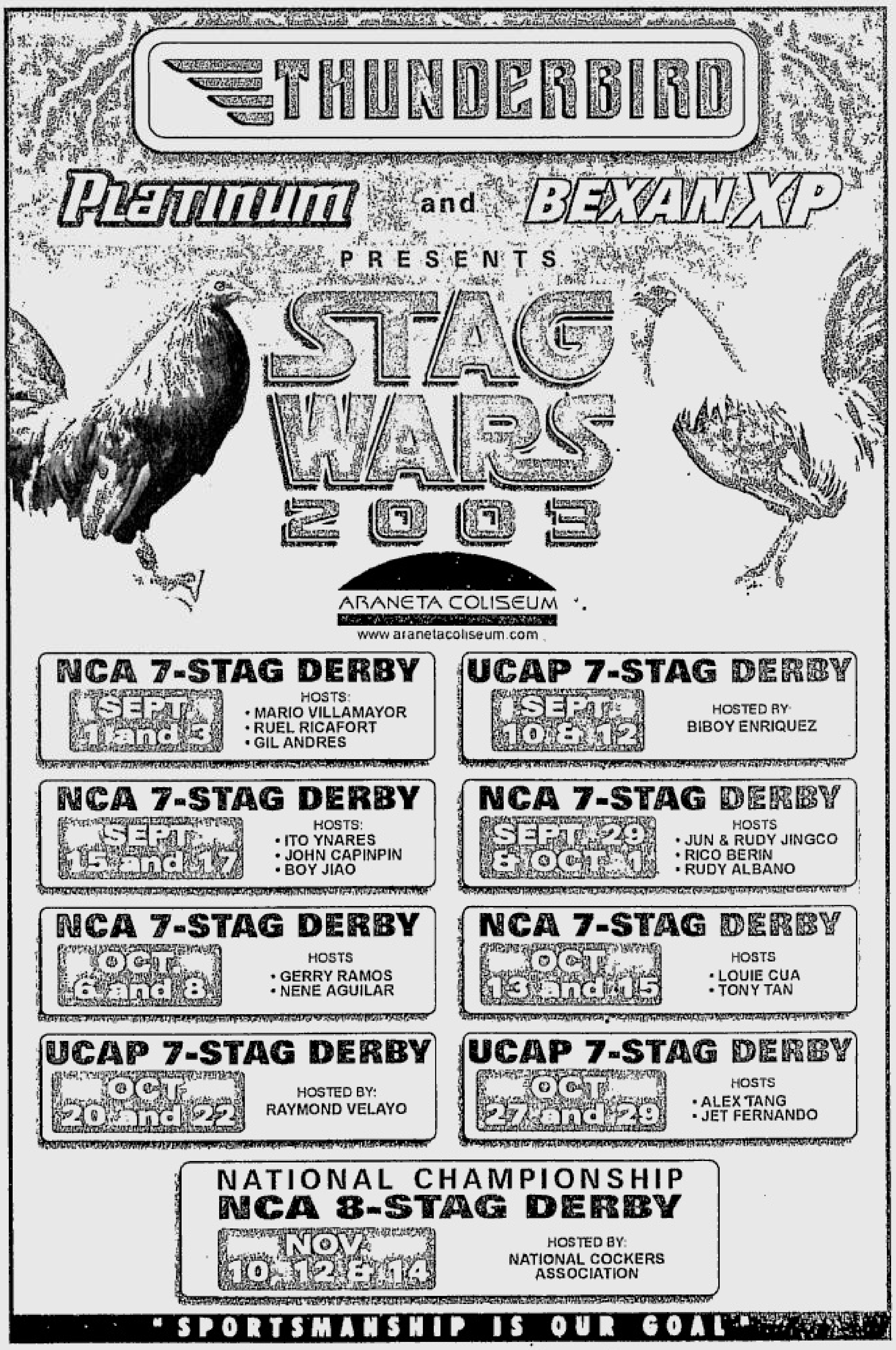
According to tournament chair Daboy del Carmen, about 100 players from GDAP member companies and special guests are playing. They will dispute trophies and prizes for the low gross and low net scorers and the top finishers in Classes A, B and C. The System 36 mode of scoring will be used.

Sponsors for the tourney are Alegre Beach Resort, Berocca, Binondo Media Publication, Bravo Restaurant, Callaway, Citibank, Coca-Cola, Collin Int'l, Continental Airlines, Coppertone, Del Monte, Immuvit, Jewelmer Int'l, Lexber Holidays, Mizuno, Mr. Donut, adidas TaylorMade Phils. and Yoyo Holidays.

Casino Filipino-Parañaque is hosting the awards ceremony starting at 7 p.m. where a round-trip ticket to Guam courtesy of Continental Airlines is the main raffle prize.

The tourney ushers in the Golf Show starting on Friday, Sept. 26, until Sunday, Sept. 28.

More than a hundred booths showcasing the latest in equipment and apparel as well as golf course maintenance and related industries are featured in the Golf Show. There will also be seminars to be conducted by the Philippine Turfgrass Association.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Mindanao Cup at Apo on Oct. 4

THE RAMOS Peace and Development Foundation will be holding the 2nd FVR-RPDEV Mindanao Cup at the historic Apo Golf and Country Club in Davao City on Oct. 4. The tournament will be participated in by the country's top business and community leaders, led by former President Fidel V. Ramos. Tournament organizing committee chair Paul G. Dominguez said RPDEV is committed to promoting peace and socio-economic development in the Philippines and the larger Asia-Pacific region. Tournament chair Anthony B. Sasin announced that there are 140 slots for players. Registration is slated from Sept. 22 to 26 at the FVR-RPDEV Mindanao Cup Secretariat Office with P1,500 fee. For inquiries, call or visit the FVR-RPDEV Mindanao Cup Secretariat, Anflocor Corporate Center, Damosa Bldg., J.P. Laurel Ave., Davao City. Contact numbers are (082)-235-2158 or 09166459898.

Agra battles Amoranto for net title

TOP seed Jessica Agra downed No. 3 Julie Em Botor, 6-0, 6-3, while No. 4 Trudy Amoranto rallied past Michelle Pang, 6-0, 0-6, 6-3, yesterday to forge a title showdown in the girls' 16-under of the Futures Foundation Age-Group Tennis Cup at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center. Agra and Amoranto will also dispute the 14-under title. Agra won by default over Zhane Quitara while Amoranto defeated Irina Quinatadcan, 6-2, 6-0. Playing in the 12-under finals were No. 4 Joan Opulencia, who stunned No. 2 Jia Elesis, 6-4, 6-1, and No. 1 Sarah Jane Lim, who defeated third seed Quitara, 7-5, 6-3. In the boys' 16-under class, fifth seed Russell Arcilla Jr. scored a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 upset win over No. 4 Pablo Olivarez II to join No. 1 Christian Canlas, No. 2 Ralph Barte and No. 3 Daniel Luis Macalino in the semifinals.

Anton tries to pad Grand Prix lead

JUAN Carlos Anton, the lead driver of the Red Horse Beer-Gulf Oil-MP Turbo Racing Team, will try to stretch his unblemished streak with the resumption of race hostilities of the 2003 Casino Filipino Grand Prix in the Batangas Racing Circuit today. Notwithstanding his eight wins in as many races, the Baguio-based driving wizard remains focused on his mission of clinching the title in the premier Super A Class of the Philippine National Touring Car Championship (PNTCC). With still six rounds remaining, Anton is expected to meet stiff challenge from some of the country's top saloon drivers which includes 2001 SVI Super Saloon champion Ferdie Ong and renewed drag and saloon driver Mato Tan. Anton and his team are being supported by Pagcor Sports, Yehey.com, ATI Diesel, Speed-The Motorsports TV Magazine and BLTBCO.

Fistorama fights at Ormoc Superdome

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama today features the minimum weight match between Rodel Mayol and Namchai Thasin Isaru of Thailand and the lightflyweight fight between Anselmo Canillo and Nicky Baclayo. The fights were held recently at the Ormoc Superdome in Ormoc City. The show is aired weekly in the United States, Australia, Japan, the Middle East and soon in Europe through ABS-CBN's Pinoy Central TV. Now on its second year, the show will be aired today at 3 p.m. on RPN 9. Fistorama is backed by Samsung Electronics Phils. Corp. and Cebu Pacific.

PUP netters blank UST Team B

DEFENDING champion Polytechnic University of the Philippines blanked UST-B, 3-0, to stay on course with a projected men's team title showdown with UAAP titlist UST-A at the resumption of the 2003 Milo All-Students Tennis Championship at the Philam Homes-QC claycourts. UST-A, which edged Ateneo, 2-1, meets arch rival DLSU-Taft, a 3-0 winner over San Beda in the Milo students netfest organized by CTW with support from Wilson balls, Adidas and Sports Kids. In the women's division, La Salle-A tangles with UST, while La Salle-B takes on St. Benilde in a pair of semifinal matches.

Mandaluyong 4-cock derby slated

AN EXCITING 4-stag derby will be held at the Mandaluyong Coliseum on Tuesday, Sept. 23, respected businessman/cocker Jun Topacio announced yesterday. The country's top breeders-cockers like former ambassador Danding Cojuangco, multititled breeder Sonny Lagon and the tandem of father-and-son newspaper publisher Jake and Butch Macasaet are heading the cast joining the event. Other cockfighting luminaries who will join are Gov. Ito Ynares, Louie Cua, Gerry Ramos, Jet Fernando, Boy de Roca, lawyer Ram Lopez, Maj. Bobby Doromal, Madlambayan brothers, Raymond Velayo, Ernesto Mercado, Lito Orillaza, lawyer Rudy Salud and Jessie Viceo, among others. Submission of weights is on Sept. 22 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. For inquiries, call 534-4110 and 535-2341 or visit Mandaluyong Coliseum at Rev. Aglipay St., Mandaluyong City.

Enriquez paces NCA's 'Stagfighter' race

THE AMAZING "mountain stags," a cross between imported Johnny Jumper and Dan Gray bloodlines, could be the hottest fighter when the 2003 stagfighting season is over. These are bred by hotelier-sportsman Biboy Enriquez in his four-hectare gamefarm located in the mountains of Tanay, Rizal. Enriquez's Firebird entry emerged co-champion in the "National Cockers Association 7-Stag Derby" last Wednesday at the Araneta Coliseum. On the same night, he also finished runner-up in Pampanga Coliseum's Sagupaan 5-Stag Invitational Derby, losing only in his last fight. Enriquez currently leads the NCA Stagfighter of the Year race with 12.5 points. His other entry, Firebird II, posted 6-5 points in the 1st Ucap 7-Stag Derby last Sept. 10 and 12.

TOUGH TRUCK TILT
Goodyear will be one of the sponsors of the 3rd Tough Truck Challenge slated on Nov. 28-30 at the Fort Bonifacio Global City. The organizing Manila Off-Roaders Inc., led by its president Brian Diaz (second from left) and treasurer Ramon To-Ong (left) are shown sealing their Goodyear partnership with a handshake with Goodyear sales managers (marketing operation) Chaipetcharantn Charoen and Reynaldo Ibarra.

BADMINTON BOOST
Former Parañaque Mayor Pablo Olivarez, president of the Olivarez Group of Companies, (middle), shakes hands with Randy Villanueva of Tower Masonry, the official supplier of Mondo products, during the turnover ceremony of 10 International Badminton Federation-approved Mondo Sport badminton courts for the Olivarez Sports Center. Also in photo are Olivarez's daughter Eva Olivarez-Ilas, the 1993 Singapore SEA Games doubles gold medalist, and granddaughter Bernice.

Moya, Ferrero put Spain bets on driver's seat

MALAGA, Spain—Past and present world number ones Carlos Moya and Juan Carlos Ferrero put Spain in the driving seat on the opening day of their Davis Cup semifinal against Argentina here on Friday.

French Open champion Ferrero, currently top of the world rankings, was first up, blitzing Gaston Gaudio, 6-4, 6-0, 6-0, to fire Spain into an early lead in a two-hour contest.

Former world number one, and 1998 French Open champion, Moya then took advantage of an ailing Mariano Zabaleta, overcoming a two-set deficit to win, 5-7, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, 6-1, in just over three hours in searing heat deep in the southern region of Andalucia.

With a 2-0 lead to take into Saturday's doubles, Spain looks set for the final as they chase their second title after winning on home clay in Barcelona three years ago against Australia.

Alex Corretja and Albert Costa could settle matters Saturday if they see off Lucas Arnold and Agustin Calleri.

In Sunday's reverse singles, Ferrero faces Zabaleta before Moya plays Gaudio.

"I'm really happy to have wrapped up the first point for Spain," said Ferrero, who won his final 14 games against Gaudio after standing a point away from a 1-4 first-set deficit.

Zabaleta was suffering from the third set against Moya, who was left out of the 2000 win over Australia.

At 2-2 in the third, the Argentine had to call the trainer to massage his aching thighs.

Moya thereafter took advantage of his rival's discomfort to rip through the remainder of the set and then broke for a 1-0 lead in the fourth, which the 27-year-old from Mallorca wrapped up in 24 minutes to level the contest at two sets all. *AFP*

Arcilla-Mora duo gains semifinals

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Top seeds Johnny Arcilla and Michael Mora III outclassed Chase Tinio and Ricardo Lagac Jr., 6-0, 6-2, to enter the doubles semifinals in the Cebuana Lhuillier Tennis Circuit at the Xavier Sports and Country Club court here.

Arcilla and Mora, eyeing their fourth title this year, will meet second seeds Joseph Victorino and Pop Sabandon, 7-5, 6-1 winners over Michael Quinones and Kenneth Madrio.

Second seeds Jaime Solon and Junjun Toledo clobbered Greg Mosqueda and Von Ruelan, 6-1, 6-1, while fourth seeds Alexander Lazaro and Rolando Ruel Jr. rallied past Leo Laping and Ruel Rubillar, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-1, to complete the Final Four cast in this P200,000 leg sanctioned by Philta and supported by Accel Sports, Key Printing, Le Soleil de Boracay, Oceanic 1911, All Care Insurance, Fiesta Brands, O2 Plus and Dunlop Slazenger.

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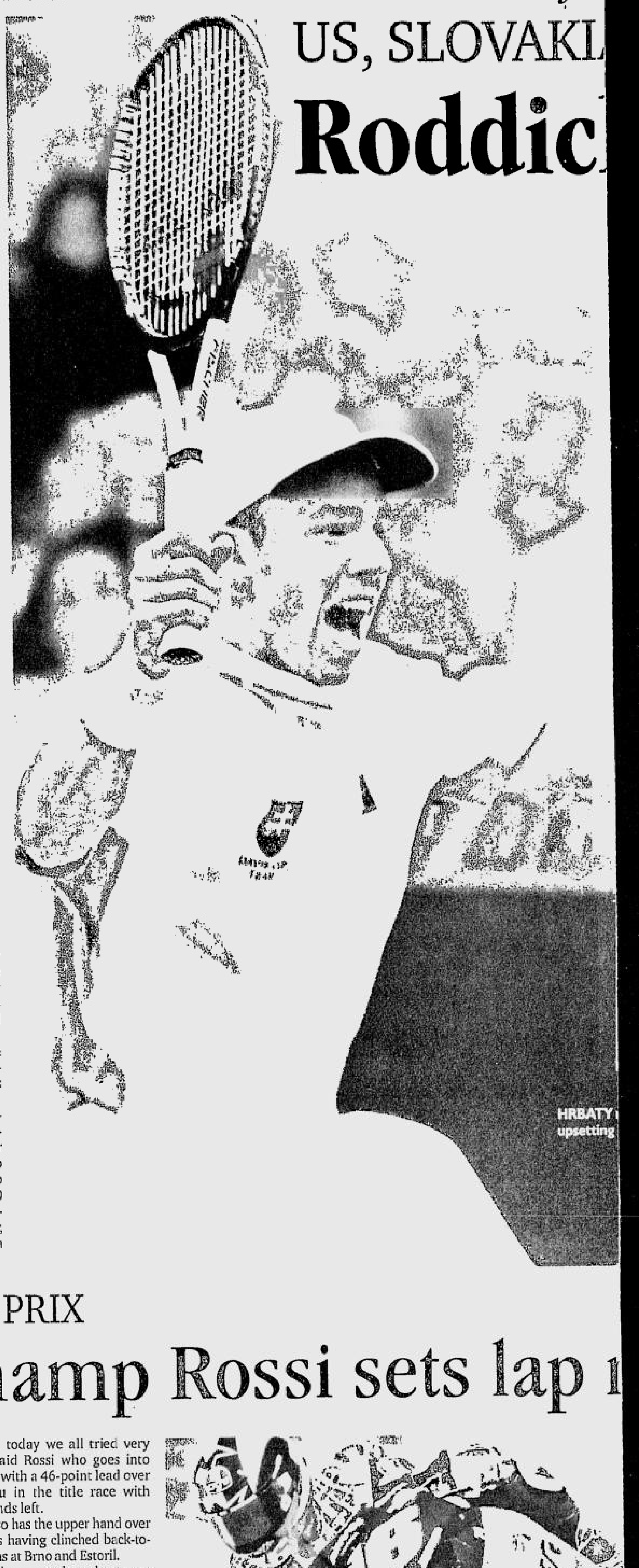

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BRAZIL GRAND PRIX

World champ Rossi sets lap

RIO de JANEIRO, Brazil—World champion Valentino Rossi set a new lap record when he put in a late surge on Friday to snatch pole position for Saturday's Grand Prix of Brazil.

The Italian Honda rider clocked 1 minute, 49.038 seconds to grab pole ahead of Ducati's Loris Capirossi, who was 0.302 seconds further back, and title rival Sete Gibernau of Spain, on another Honda, who was 0.770 seconds behind Rossi.

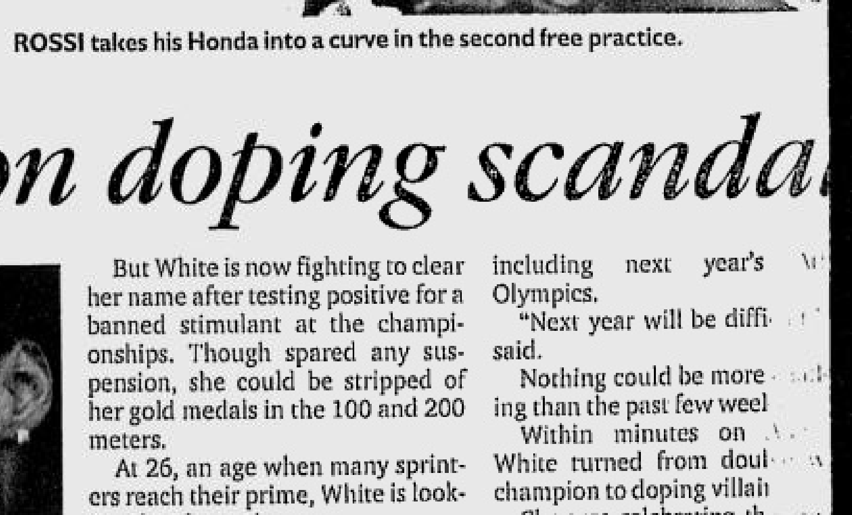
Max Biaggi, who had provisional pole on Thursday, had to settle for the final spot on the front row, 0.838 seconds behind his great Italian rival.

"I am very happy with this result and today we all tried very hard," said Rossi who goes into the race with a 46-point lead over Gibernau in the title race with five rounds left.

He also has the upper hand over his rivals having clinched back-to-back wins at Brno and Estoril.

Rossi has never been beaten at the Nelson Piquet Circuit since moving up into the premier category of the series four years ago. He also won here in the 125cc and 250cc divisions in 1997 and 1999.

His win last time out in Portugal was his fifth of the season, and his 17th successive podium placing, and was a shattering blow to Gibernau's title hopes. *AFP*



ROSSI takes his Honda into a curve in the second free practice.

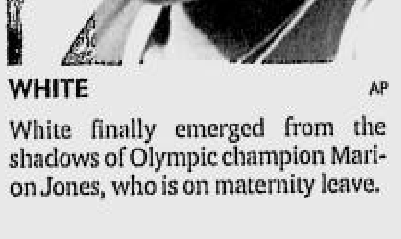
White reflects on doping scanda

MOSCOW—If the painful past month has taught Kelli White anything, it is this: There's life beyond track & field.

The American sprinter, embroiled in a doping scandal which could cost her two world championship gold medals, says the affair has made her realize she could happily walk away from the sport at any time.

"Track is not the end of me," she said in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday, a day before the season-ending Moscow Challenge meet. "There are so many other things I can do and actually I am looking forward to that."

With two sprint titles at the worlds in Saint-Denis, France, last month,



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White finally emerged from the shadows of Olympic champion Marion Jones, who is on maternity leave.

But White is now fighting to clear her name after testing positive for a banned stimulant at the championships. Though spared any suspension, she could be stripped of her gold medals in the 100 and 200 meters.

At 26, an age when many sprinters reach their prime, White is looking ahead to retirement.

"I have thought about how much longer I want to be in this sport. I have made a decision," she said, declining to say when she will quit.

"I want to start a few businesses, maybe, and may move from California, start a family maybe. There are a lot of options."

White, however, is still committed to another season on the track, including next year's Olympics.

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RODDICK: It's tough. REUTERS

BRATISLAVA—Mardy Fish brought the United States level 1-1 with Slovakia in their World Group playoff on Friday after Andy Roddick's 19-match winning streak came to an abrupt halt on slow Slovak clay in the Davis Cup.

Roddick, less than two weeks after winning the US Open, fell 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to Dominik Hrbaty in the opening singles before Fish, a late choice by captain Patrick McEnroe, rallied to beat Karol Kucera, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

Roddick started his first match since winning his maiden grand slam the same way he closed out that victory at Flushing Meadows—with an ace.

Power game

But the power game that served the world number two so well in New York was of little use on the slow clay court Slovakia laid down for the tie. A boisterous, and often rude, home crowd played its part in his downfall.

Roddick had not lost since a Washington semifinal in August against Britain's Tim Henman. Since then he had racked up victories at the Canadian Masters, Cincinnati Masters and the US Open.

But on Friday he ran out of ideas.

"Obviously I don't think that was up to the standards that I have been playing at recently, but he played well," a disappointed Roddick said.

"I had to stop and start, and I didn't really get a groove on my serve. In the second set I was having to step back a lot because of this, that and the other, and I just lost feeling in my serve a bit," he added mainly in reference to the crowd noise.

Claycourter

Hrbaty, a solid claycourter who reached the French Open semifinals in 1999, moved Roddick around the court. The American also found himself several times in the unfamiliar position of being down triple break point while serving.

Hrbaty, who was a clear underdog with a ranking of 53, used his flat ground strokes to perfection, and rode the emotions of the home crowd to victory in just over two hours.

"I came in thinking I was mentally ready but it's tough when you are so grooved on a surface you have been playing on the whole summer and then switch and come into a different situation," Roddick said.

The defeat leaves Roddick with a 7-3 Davis Cup record, with all three losses coming on clay.

With his team in need of a win, Fish survived an early scare, a 30-minute blackout, and the partisan crowd to gain some revenge over Kucera, who knocked him out of the US Open in the second round.

The 21-year-old dropped the first set and was deadlocked at 5-5 in the second when power at the brand new Slovak Tennis Center was mysteriously cut.

But when the lights came back on, it was Fish who showed the power, dominating the Slovak number to win in just under four hours.

The Americans who have lost their last two Davis Cup ties, are looking to avoid getting knocked out of the elite 16-team World Group for only the second time since it was created in 1981.

Twin brothers Bob and Mike. Bryan will play Saturday's doubles against the pairing of Karol Beck and Michal Mertinak, though Slovak captain Miroslav Mecir has the option to change his lineup to let Kucera and Hrbaty play that match if need be.

Kucera and Roddick will kick off the reverse singles on Sunday with Hrbaty and Fish to play afterward. *Reuters*

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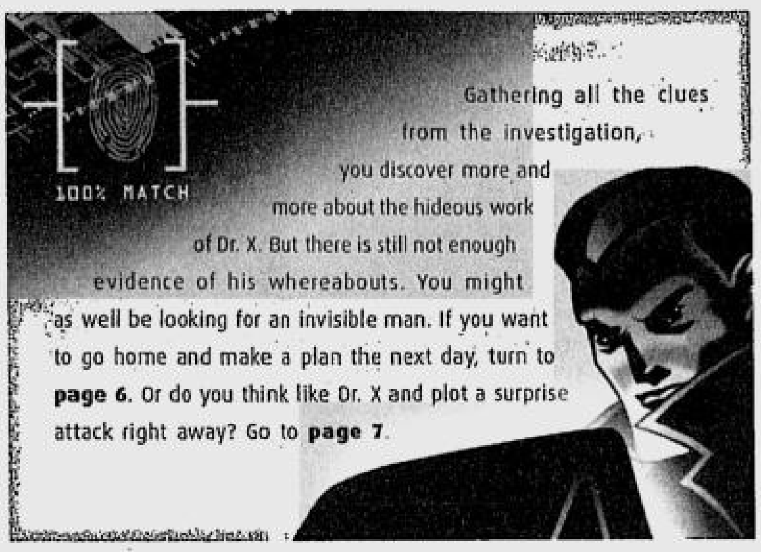
Roddick. AFP



Gathering all the clues from the investigation, you discover more and more about the hideous work of Dr. X. But there is still not enough evidence of his whereabouts. You might as well be looking for an invisible man. If you want to go home and make a plan the next day, turn to **page 6**. Or do you think like Dr. X and plot a surprise attack right away? Go to **page 7**.

Fifa pays China $1M for losing Women's Cup

LOS ANGELES—Football's world governing body Fifa has paid China $1 million as compensation for losing the 2003 Women's Football World Cup, a top Fifa official said on Friday.

Urs Linsi, the general secretary of Fifa, said the money was for salaries and organizing costs that China incurred as the original host of the World Cup.

"We rewarded them for their costs," said Linsi during a news conference here to kick off the 16-team, 32-match tournament that begins Saturday. "China had hired staff and had expenses so we paid them." China was also awarded the 2007 Women's World Cup.

The tournament was relocated from China to the United States because of the the deadly outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

SARS emerged in south China's Guangdong province in 2002 and quickly spread to become a global menace. SARS infected more than 8,000 people and left more than 900 dead in 32 countries, with 349 deaths and 5,327 of the infections being recorded in China.

Markus Siegler, Fifa's director of communications, said Friday they have no regrets about relocating the World Cup despite the diminished danger of SARS in China at the moment.

"No one knew at the time how SARS was going to develop," Siegler said.

Because of the relocation, organizers had only 128 days to get ready. Linsi said they were helped along by the fact the United States hosted the 1994 men's World Cup and 1999 Women's World Cup.

"Normally we need three years to plan these tournaments," said Linsi. "So to have a setup like this in 128 days is exceptional. But it was not easy." Linsi said the biggest hurdles were finding venues and getting a match and television schedule that would satisfy football fans around the world.

They also had to arrange for visas for the North Korean team, which is making its first appearance in the Women's World Cup finals. *AFP*

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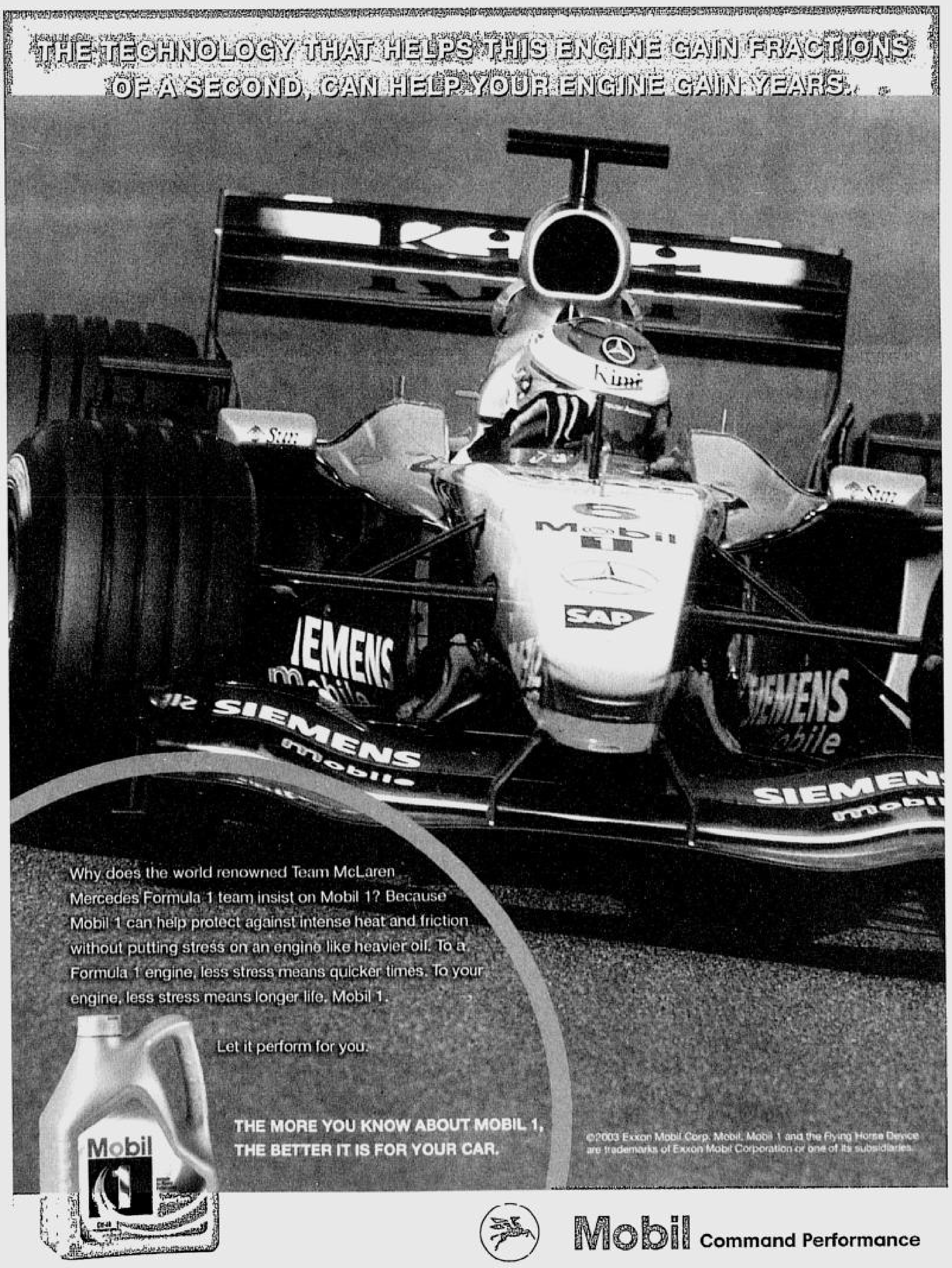
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Stars, money, glitz at Moscow Challenge

MOSCOW—Ten seconds, one million dollars. This simple equation will apply at the inaugural Moscow Challenge on Saturday.

The men's 100 meters will be the highlight of the season's last major European meet. The winner will get US$500,000, with the rest of the money shared among the other seven competitors.

The race will pit world record holder Tim Montgomery against world champion Kim Collins, but since no sprinter has dominated this season, any of the eight sprinters could claim the top prize, one of the biggest in the sport.

"It sounds a bit crazy, the prize money," said Collins, an outsider until his surprise win at the world championships in Saint-Denis last month.

He said he is still in shape to run under 10 seconds and already has plans to start funding athletics in his native island of St. Kitts and Nevis if he wins.

"A little bit toward that and the rest for me," he said.

Collins considers Dwain Chambers of Britain and Bernard Williams of the United States to be his main rivals for the top prize. World silver medalist Darrel Brown of Trinidad and Tobago pulled out with a sore hamstring. *AP*

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JUVENILE COLTS

Last Hazm-Don Paolo rematch today at SLLP

ALL eyes will be on Last Hazm and Don Paolo when the second leg of the 2003 Philracom Juvenile Colts championship gets going today at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

Last Hazm, owned by Hermie Esguerra, will try to repeat over Paolo Mendoza's Don Paolo in the Colts contest, one of two major races on tap today.

Also featured is the second leg of the Juvenile Fillies championship where first leg winner Gorgeous Sand will also aim to win again.

Both races carry a pot of P1 million courtesy of the Philippine Racing Commission. The winners get similar P600,000.

The twin-bill stakes offering caps Manila Jockey Club's six-day racing schedule and headlines the club's 13-race program at the country's newest horse racing complex in Carmona, Cavite.

LAST Hazm (left) edging Don Paolo in the first leg.

"We would like to invite the racing fans to witness the future stars of local horse racing as they compete for prize and prestige at the new home of championship racing," said MJCI President and Chief Executive Alfonso R. Reyno Jr.

Set over identical distances of 1,500-meters, the back-to-back juvenile classics has lured the participation of seven crack 2-year-old colts and nine 2-year-old fillies, all promising Triple Crown candidates next year.

Last Hazm and Don Paolo battled it out to a thrilling photo finish in the first leg with Last Hazm eventually nosing out Don Paolo.

Jeffril Zarate will be back to mount Last Hazm, so is Pat Dilema on Don Paolo.

Also tipped to give Last Hazm and Don Paolo a tough fight is Speed O' War, to be handled by Fernando Raquel Jr.

Others joining the Colts race are Air Force One, Batangas Force, Bunker Buster, Sir Brendan Jean and Speed O' War.

Gorgeous Sand, to be ridden this time by Manolito Daquis, will try to defend her crown against a crack field of challengers like Cat's Eye, Cat's Jewel, Sweet Talk, Concorde, Cool Runnings, I Love This Game, Magical Charm and Tini Bambini.

Expected to crowd Gorgeous Sand is I Love This Game, also owned by Mendoza and trained by his father Rudy.

Today's races promptly start at 1 p.m.

Last Hazm or Don Paolo?

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

CAN Last Hazm repeat over Don Paolo? Can Don Paolo exact revenge over Last Hazm? Or can somebody else steal the scene from the two most-talked about colts nowadays?

Those will be answered when the 2nd leg of the 2003 Juvenile Colts Series fires off today at the the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

Last Aug. 10, Last Hazm, running as a non-entity from the maiden group, surprised Don Paolo, a big sweepstakes winner, by nosing him out in the first leg.

Since then, the Hermie Esguerra galloper was never given a tuneup run, while Don Paolo of cage star Paolo Mendoza has had two warmups in preparation for their highly-anticipated rematch today.

Jeffril Zarate, taking time out the past few days to rev himself up today, will be back atop Last Hazm, while Pat Dilema, busy as a bee with rides coming in aplenty, will partner Don Paolo anew.

My Silip Boy visited the various OTBS (off-track betting stations) in Quezon City yesterday and asked the *bayang kareristas*: "*Kanino ka*, Last Hazm *o* Don Paolo?"

Here are the answers:

- Last Hazm *ako, balita ko maganda ang mga trangko. Saka lahat dito pag may takbo yung mga kabayo ni* Hermie Esguerra *dun tumataya*—Pepito Refugia (Mokong's Bar and Grill, Regalado).
- Kay Last Hazm *ako. Nakaka-intriga yung di nya pagtakbo matapos talunin si* Don Paolo *eh*—Emil Racho (Deparo Road, Novaliches).
- I'll go for Don Paolo. Idol *ko si* Paolo Mendoza *eh*—Dino Esteban III (Susano, Novaliches Bayan).
- *Isasama ko pareho sa* Take All *pero mas lalakihan ko ang taya sa dobol kay* Last Hazm—Michael Payongayong (Galas).
- *Kay* Don Paolo *ako. Tingin ko mas batak at saka alam na ni* Pat Dilema *ang gagawin tyak*—Hernan Flores (Unang Hakbang).
- Last Hazm *yan. Tagong pruweba pero tingin ko makaka*-replay—Conrad Allardo (Litex, Commonwealth)
- *Baka magbanatan agad sila sa unahan kaya sa dehado ako tataya*—Norman Rey T. Lagao (Kamuning).
- *Nagtataka ako bakit walang takbo* since Aug. 10 *si* Last Hazm *eh. Baka kaya namilay? Kaya kay* Don Paolo *ako*—Julius Aquitania (Marlon's, Fairview).
- My choice? Last Hazm because I always bet on Hermie Esguerra's horses—Rina Marie Poblacion (Bayan Proper, Novaliches).
- *Kung may* Wind Blown *pa rin, may* Last Hazm *pa rin dapat kaya dun ako*—Edward Ralph Salvador (Zabarte Road).
- *Palagay ko makakabawi na si* Don Paolo— Salvador "Dong" Manicad (Roxas District)
- *Isi*-single *ko lang si* Last Hazm—Randy F. Florencio (Lagro)

Of the first 12 *kareristas*, my SB interviewed, seven picked Last Hazm, four favored Don Paolo, while one went for the others.

As for my Silip Boy, he said he believes in Mr. 999 so he'll bet on his *pamprimera*.

Don't fail to watch that race today!

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The *bayang karerista* is eagerly awaiting the racing festivals to be staged by the Marho and Philtobo later this year.

Marho, under Putch Puyat, and Philtobo, under Mang Nonoy Niles, are now busy preparing for the RP Breeder's Cup and Mitra Cup, respectively.

Racing fans say those events make the racing industry going (especially this time of the year), not certainly the one to be put up by a bogus group next month.

The unpopular club also held a racefest last year but it flopped big time because it was badly organized.

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When will the Philracom come out with its decision on the Alfredo Po-Dennis Camanero gun-pointing...errr ...cell phone pointing incident?

What's taking chair Jimmy Dilag and his fellow Philracom men so long to announce the verdict?

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SPANISH Golden jersey Isidro Nozal raises his arms on the podium after the time trial for the Tour of Spain cycling in Albacete, Spain yesterday. Nozal of the ONCE-Eroski extended his overall lead with victory on Friday in the 13th stage of the Tour of Spain—a 53.3km individual time trial around Albacete. REUTERS

Nozal still up in Tour

ALBACETE, Spain—Leader Isidro Nozal, of the ONCE team, won the 13th stage of the Tour of Spain here on Friday, a 53.3km time trial.

The Spanish rider also held on to his overall lead.

Nozal, who had already won the sixth stage time trial, beat out Britain's David Millar by 13 seconds and Russia's Sergei Ivanov by 40 seconds.

In the overall standings Nozal, little known at the start of the race, is ahead of Spanish compatriot and teammate Igor Gonzalez de Galdeano by 3:03 and 5:13 in front of Roberto Heras, who won this event on home soil two years ago.

13th stage results:

1. Isidro Nozal, Spain, ONCE, 1 hour, 2 minutes, 3 seconds
2. David Millar, Britain, Cofidis, 13 seconds behind.
3. Serguei Ivanov, Russia, Fassa Bortolo, 0:40.
4. Bert Grabsch, Germany, Phonak, 0.44.
5. Claus Moller, Denmark, Milaneza, 0:45.
6. Igor Gonzalez De Galdeano, Spain, ONCE, 1:15.
7. Roberto Heras, Spain, US Postal, 1:45.
8. Santos Gonzalez, Spain, Domina Vacanze, 2:03.
9. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Rabobank, 2:14.
0. Antonio Tauler, Spain, Kelme, 2:23. Overall Standings

Overall standings:

1. Isidro Nozal, Spain, ONCE, 41:56:32
2. Igor Gonzalez De Galdeano, Spain, ONCE, 3:03 behind.
3. Roberto Heras, Spain, US Postal, 5:13 behind.
4. Manuel Beltran, Spain, US Postal, 5:39 behind.
5. Francisco Mancebo, Spain, IBanesto.com, 7:12 behind.
6. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Kelme, 7:50 behind.
7. Michael Rasmussen, Denmark, Rabobank, 8:44 behind.
8. Luis Perez, Spain, Cofidis, 8:49 behind.
9. Dario Frigo, Italy, Fassa Bortolo, 8:50 behind.
10. Unai Osa, Spain, IBanesto.com, 10:10 behind. *AFP, AP*

Payla, Laguna lose to Chinese ring opponents

XINJIANG, China—A couple of stinging setbacks came in the way of the RP Team Revicon here Friday when flyweight Violito Payla and featherweight Roel Laguna lost against their Chinese rivals in the 2003 Xinjiang International Boxing Championships here.

Payla unleashed smashing jabs and punches against Guo Xianchuan, but failed to impress the judges from Pakistan, Korza and Kazakhstan, and absorbed a 24-27 loss while Laguna, already dictating the tempo of his bout against Xie Gang, followed him to the showers with an 11-15 loss.

The twin losses were bitterly disputed by coaches Pat Gaspi and Ronald Chavez, who pleaded with the panel of juries, which includes the Philippines' Rene Fortaleza, but to no avail.

Fortaleza failed to do anything as he was outnumbered in the five-man jury.

The setbacks left only light flyweight Lhyven Salazar, who would have also lost his bout on points, had he not stopped his quarterfinal round rival and bantamweight Ferdie Gamo, and light middleweight Maraon Golez, who will see action on Saturday after drawing first round byes.

Gabi all set vs Mangubat

WORLD Boxing Council International flyweight champion Randy Mangubat stakes his title against Diosdado "Prince" Gabi of North Cotabato on Oct. 26 at the North Cotabato Provincial gym in Kidapawan City.

Mangubat will receive $4,000 under the contract he signed at the Games and Amusements Board in Makati City Friday, and get a title rematch within 90 days if Gabi prevails.

"This will be the biggest boxing event in Mindanao this year. We want to give people from North Cotabato something to be proud of for a long time," said North Cotabato Gov. Manny Piñol, whose younger brother Soc, is promoting the slugfest.

The stocky Mangubat, with a 31-18-11 win-loss-draw card with 14 KOs, wants to redeem himself after failing to dethrone WBC flyweight champ Pongsaklek Wongjongkam last June 6 in Thailand.

Gabi carries a 23-2-1 record with 19 stoppages. His two losses were controversial decisions.

Philippine junior lightweight king Bobby Pacquiao and comebacking Sydney Olympian Danilo Lerio will fight separate rivals in the undercard. *Salven Lagumbay, Contributor*

Grand Nat'l derby slated at Big Dome

COCKFIGHTNG champions from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao have been invited to join the biggest showdown of super stags, billed as the "Grand National Championship 8-Stag Derby" on Nov. 10, 12 and 14 at the air-conditioned Araneta Coliseum.

All the participants will be the hosts and the derby proceeds will be divided among them.

"This is one event aficionados should not miss. All of the participants will be fielding their very best stags, so we can expect a super event similar to an international derby," said National Cockers Association top guns Representative Rudy Albano, Eddie Araneta and Gov. Ito Ynares.

The NCA has put up an independent committee composed of Johnny Jalandoni, Jun Cometa, Boy Velez and Boy Nilo Lizares to see to it that only legitimate stags duly banded by their respective organizations are to be entered in the derby.

To spearhead the event are former ambassador Danding Cojuangco who will represent Western Visayas, Northern Luzon and Metro Manila, Rep. Claude Bautista and James Chiongbian of Mindanao, Johnny Jalandoni, Boy Velez, Jun Cometa, Boy Nilo Lizares of Negros Occidental, Representatives Rudy Albano, Rocky Molintas and Chito Bersamin of Northern Luzon, Peping Cojuangco, Esting Teopaco, Madlambayan Brothers, Jun Jingco and Alex Escalona of Central Luzon, sabong idol Patrick Antonio, Pol Estrellado, Jun Mendoza, Joey and Buboy delos Santos of Southern Luzon, Jorge "Nene" Araneta, Butch and Jake Macasaet, Gov. Ito Ynares, Ruel Ricafort, P. Berin, Jet Fernando, Gerry Ramos, Mayor Nene Aguilar, Ram Lopez, Mario Villamor, JV Magsaysay, Tony Tan, Boy de Roca and Louie Cua of Metro Manila.

Also seeing action are Richard Bates, Joey Zarasola, William Co, John Capinpin, Max and Bebot Roxas, Tony Marfori, Pepito Ngo, vice mayor Nestor Mercado, Lito Orillaza, Rene Medina and Ric de Guzman of San Francisco, California and Mat Bitanga.

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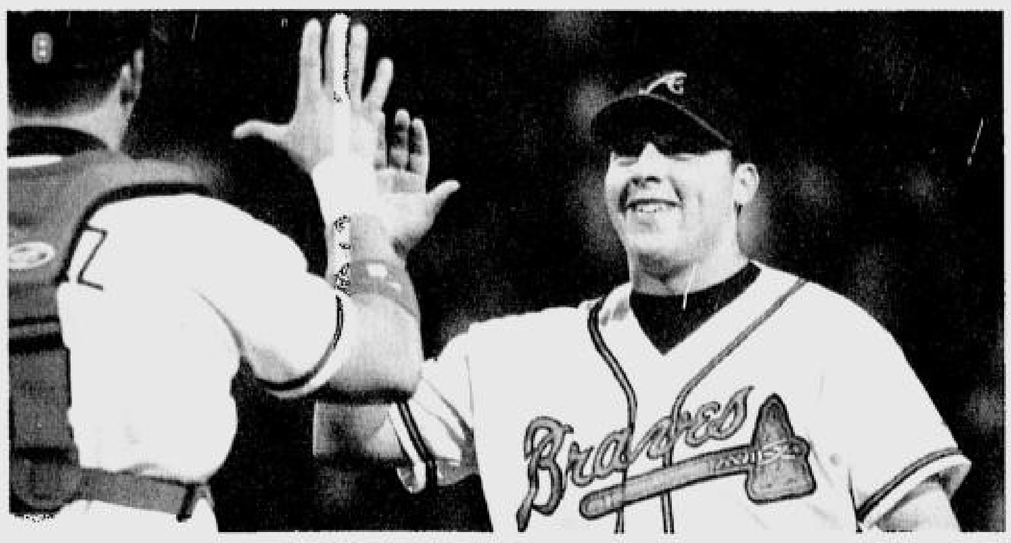

ORTIZ (right) celebrates his 20th win with Javy Lopez. AP

Ortiz wins 20th game as Braves bump off Marlins

ATLANTA—Russ Ortiz won his 20th game in style, pitching a three-hitter and driving in the only run as the Atlanta Braves defeated Florida 1-0 Friday night to bump the Marlins out of the lead in the NL wild-card race.

Philadelphia moved a half-game ahead of Florida with a 7-3 victory over Cincinnati.

Ortiz (20-7) reached 20 wins for the first time in his career and gave Atlanta its first 20-game winner since Tom Glavine in 2000.

It was Ortiz's first complete game of the season and second career shutout.

The right-hander bounced back from his shortest start of the season, having lasted just three innings in an 8-3 loss at Florida last Saturday. The Marlins were one of only two teams to hand Ortiz a pair of losses this season, scoring 16 runs in 20 innings against the Braves ace.

For good measure, Ortiz accounted for the only run of the game. Javy Lopez led off the second with a double off the left-field wall, but the next two hitters failed to bring him home. Ortiz, batting .246 for the season, lined an RBI single to left.

Josh Beckett (8-8) was the hard-luck loser for the Marlins. He surrendered just six hits in seven innings and struck out nine.

In Philadelphia, Mike Lieberthal homered twice and drove in four runs as the Philadelphia Phillies beat Cincinnati, 7-3, and reclaimed the NL wild-card lead.

The Phillies moved a half-game ahead of Florida, which lost 1-0 at Atlanta.

Randy Wolf (16-9) won his fourth straight decision, giving up two runs and four hits in six shaky innings. He worked around four walks, striking out eight.

The Reds lost their third in a row.

BONDS hits a double against the Los Angeles Dodgers. AFP

Wolf was aided by a three-run first inning. Marlon Byrd and Bobby Abreu were on with walks when Lieberthal homered off Josh Hall (0-1).

Lieberthal added a solo shot in the seventh, also over the left-field fence. He has 13 homers this season.

Lieberthal has 13 RBIs in the last four games. He has three homers and three doubles in that span.

In St. Louis, Roy Oswalt dominated for seven innings and the Houston Astros got homeruns from Jeff Bagwell and Richard Hidalgo, maintaining their NL Central lead with an 8-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The second-place Cubs were a game back pending the outcome of the second game of a doubleheader at Pittsburgh. The Cardinals are nearly out of the race, trailing by six games with seven to play.

Houston has won six of seven and is a season-best 15 games above .500.

The Astros have beaten the Cardinals five straight times, including a sweep last weekend in Houston. The Astros are 11-5 overall against the defending NL Central champions.

Oswalt (9-5) beat Matt Morris (10-8) for the second straight time, baffling the Cardinals by changing speeds. He allowed a run on five hits with five strikeouts and two walks.

In Los Angeles, Barry Bonds hit his 657th homer—three short of Willie Mays—as the NL West champions dropped the Dodgers three games behind Philadelphia for the NL wild-card spot following a 6-4 victory.

Bonds' fourth homer in his last six games was his 44th this year, tying Alex Rodriguez for the major league lead.

Dustin Hermanson (3-3) gave up three runs and seven hits in five innings. Tim Worrell, the Giants' sixth pitcher, got three outs for his 36th save.

Kevin Brown (14-9) gave up five runs—three earned—and seven hits in five innings. *AP*

Rich guys yield to massive ship

SAN FRANCISCO—There was no question who had the right of way when a massive container ship steamed into the middle of a race between billionaires sailing America's Cup sloops. The rich guys had no choice but to yield.

The encounter between the 500-foot (150-meter) ship and the two 80-foot (24-meter) carbon fibers sloops came Friday afternoon on San Francisco Bay during the owner's portion of the Moet Cup, an exhibition between America's Cup winner Alinghi of Switzerland and San Francisco-based Oracle BMW Racing, which is headed by software tycoon Larry Ellison. *AP*

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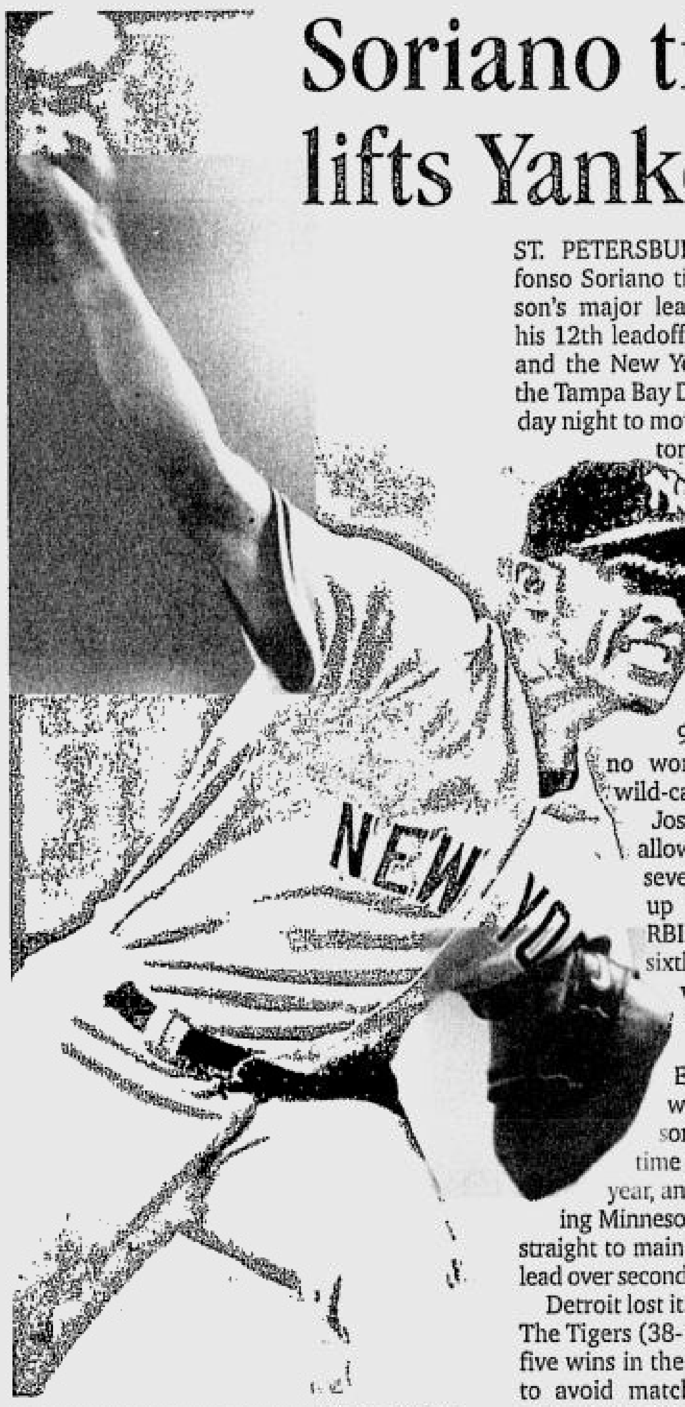
Soriano ties record, lifts Yankees past Rays



NEW York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera pitches against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. AP

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida—Alfonso Soriano tied Brady Anderson's major league record with his 12th leadoff homer this year, and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 2-1 Friday night to move within one victory of their ninth straight postseason trip.

The Yankees (95-58) won for the 11th time in 13 games and with victory No. 96 would clinch no worse than the AL wild-card berth.

Jose Contreras (6-2) allowed four hits in seven innings, giving up Rocco Baldelli's RBI ground-out in the sixth. Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his 39th save.

In Minneapolis, Eric Milton (1-0) won a regular-season game for the first time since Aug. 1 last year, and AL Central-leading Minnesota won its seventh straight to maintain a 3 1/2-game lead over second-place Chicago.

Detroit lost its seventh in a row. The Tigers (38-115) need at least five wins in their last nine games to avoid matching the modern era record of 120 losses by the 1962 New York Mets.

Milton (1-0), making his second start of the year after missing five months with a knee injury, gave up just two hits and walked none in seven shutout innings.

Jeremy Bonderman (6-19) gave up five runs and 10 hits in 3 1-3 innings.

In Chicago, Magglio Ordonez hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer to cap a four-run seventh as the White Sox beat the Kansas City Royals, 8-5.

Kansas City, which dropped 51/2 games back, broke a 3-3 tie with two runs in the seventh off Mark Buehrle (14-13). Then the White Sox, who struggled to score when they were swept three games by the Twins this week, responded against D.J. Carrasco (6-5).

Tom Gordon got four outs for his 12th save.

In Cleveland, John Burkett (11-8) allowed three hits in seven-plus innings and was helped by three double plays, as Boston (90-63) moved 27 games over .500 for the first time since 1995 with a 2-0 win over the Cleveland Indians.

The Red Sox, five games behind New York in the AL East, began the night 21/2 games ahead of Seattle in the wild-card race. Nomar Garciaparra homered off Jason Stanford (0-3) in a two-run second.

After Byung-Hyun Kim hit batters on consecutive pitches with two outs in the ninth, Alan Embree retired Ben Broussard for his first save since July 2, 2002. The Indians were shut out for just the fourth time this season, an AL low. *AP*

Patriots linebacker out for season

TORONTO—New England Patriots linebacker Rosevelt Colvin has undergone surgery to repair a fractured left hip and will be out for the rest of the season, the team said on its official website on Friday.

Colvin was injured in the second quarter of last week's 31-10 victory over Philadelphia.

Colvin spent four seasons with the Chicago Bears, the last two as starter where he led the Bears with 10 1/2 sacks in both 2001 and 2002, before being acquired as a free agent by New England in March.

The Patriots are now down to just four healthy linebackers, having already lost Ted Johnson, who is also injured. *AP*

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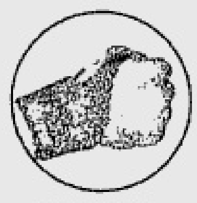
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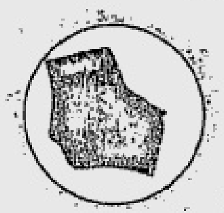
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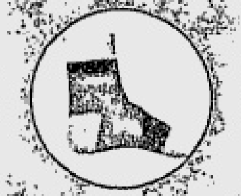
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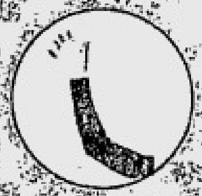
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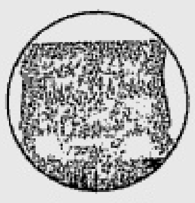
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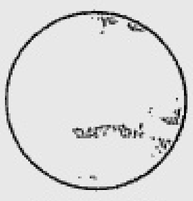
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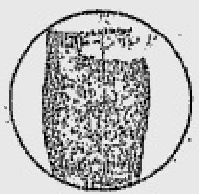
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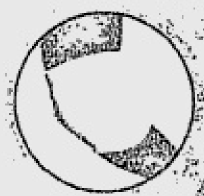
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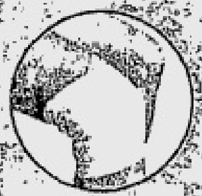
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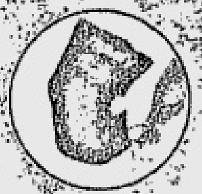
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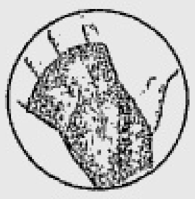
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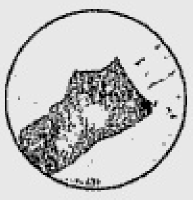
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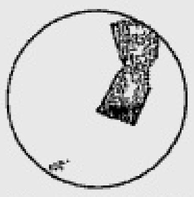
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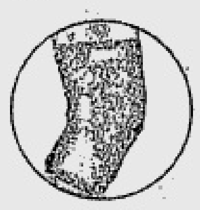
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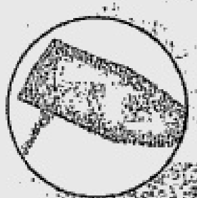
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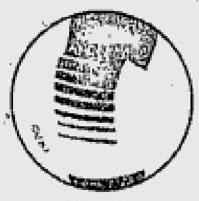
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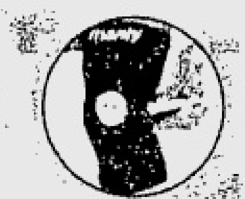
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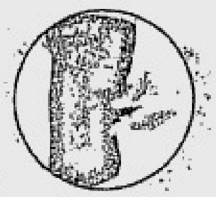
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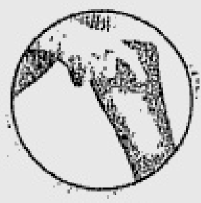
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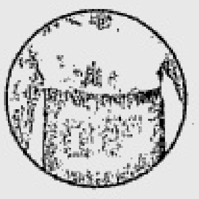
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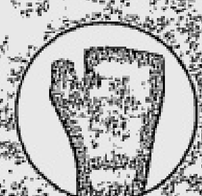
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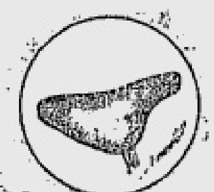
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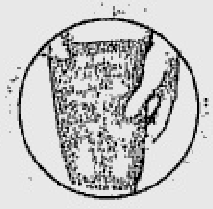
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Exec moves his family to stick to 'dinner rule'

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YOUNGEST CEO of 2 merged banks. JOHNNY VILLENA

RENE BUENAVENTURA (right) with son Jose Manuel "Mandy" fishing at San Diego, California.

WHEN his job became more demanding, and his children were reaching the age when they could hang out on their own, Rene J. Buenaventura told his wife; "I want us all to have dinner together everyday."

By then his career, which started in 1981 at the then PCIBank, was on a steady uphill climb until he became president of PCI Leasing even while he was senior executive vice president and group head of retail banking at Equitable PCI Bank.

The rule worked well. This was because he avoided dinner meetings and other evening engagements and would hold his meetings during breakfast or lunch. Occasionally, he would still have meetings that ended late and he would arrive home at 8 or 9.

But that was still okay with his family.

However, when he became president and CEO of Equitable PCI Bank, one of the largest banks in the country, on March 16, 2002, his schedule became more hectic, and with his office in Makati and his home in Alabang, his children were ready to fall asleep at the dinner table by the time he came home.

Another executive would have just dropped the rule. But not Rene. He moved his family to Makati to ensure that they could still eat dinner together everyday (with a few exceptions).

When he does not have a breakfast meeting, he eats with the family and sees the children off to school. He has three kids—two girls and a boy. The eldest girl is in second year college, the boy in third year high school and the youngest in first year high school.

He says the children actually enjoyed the move as they transferred nearer their schools and had to endure less travel time.

As head of one of the country's largest banks, which successfully overcame a crisis a few years ago, Rene has set high goals for the bank.

Youngest president

He is the youngest president of either of the two banks—Equitable Banking Corp. and PCIBank—which merged in 1999.

He graduated summa cum laude from De La Salle University with a double degree—Bachelor of Science Commerce, major in accounting, and Bachelor of Arts major in Behavioral Science.

He is a CPA and holds an MBA from La Salle. He completed his Advance Management Program for Overseas Bankers at the Wharton School of Business.

Bank of choice

"I want to convey the message that we are the bank of choice. I want us to be on top of the minds of consumers. When they are thinking of a banking service, they will talk to us or consider us," he says.

"Given our size and franchise, this is what we should aspire for. We have very well known brands and we can achieve this by firming up our relations with the market. Of course we cannot serve all markets but there are certain ones we can focus on."

Advantages

The advantage of Equitable PCI Bank, according to Rene, is that the two original banks had different strengths prior to the merger. And these were complementary to each other.

"Equitable was strong in the middle market and credit cards. PCIBank was strong with large corporations and OFW remittances," he says.

The middle market includes the low-key Chinese businessmen.

"The merger created a much wider market. And this is the reason why after the merger the bank grew at levels that were higher than what the two separate banks were achieving prior to the merger. We were able to tap each other's markets," Rene says.

Customer recovery program

Of course, this was affected in 2000 by the news that former President Joseph Estrada had millions stashed in the bank.

Rene points out that even if some of the depositors did pull their money out, the bank has been able to bring back more than the level of deposits they had lost at 130 percent.

After the political turmoil subsided, the bank implemented a Customer Recovery Program to bring back old clients.

Rene says to a large extent, the ones who pulled out knew the problem of the bank was more political than fundamental.

"They knew there was nothing wrong with the bank," he says.

He mentions a depositor pulled out his money in the morning but sent a cake to the branch manager in the afternoon. There were some who withdrew their money but deposited it in safety deposit boxes in the bank.

EXEC/ B3

INOCENCIO P. Ferrer, Class '77. Today (above) as Finance undersec.

Ateneans speak out about going into public service

By Jaime L. Bautista
Contributor

THEY had good careers in law, international journalism and business. They gave these up for public service.

Most people would be puzzled by their decision, but their former professors at the Ateneo would probably not be surprised. These four men had taken up different courses and have different skills. Department of Finance Undersecretary Inocencio P. Ferrer Jr. studied Business Management. Department of Justice Undersecretary Manuel A.J. Teehankee took up Economics with a minor in Philosophy. Presidential Management Staff Undersecretary Ricardo L. Saludo is a Literature major, while Department of Trade and Industry Undersecretary Gregory L. Domingo has a Management Engineering degree.

Most of them, like Ferrer, found the Humanities courses at the Ateneo to be indispensable.

"I think the emphasis of the Jesuit education on Humanities, at least during my time, is the key to having good graduates from the Ateneo; graduates who have been successful not only in business but in law, politics and in other endeavors and professions," he says.

"I think the Humanities portion: Theology, Philosophy, Psychology, History, these are the subjects that made me what I am now. They gave me the tools to adapt and change. Philosophy is a basic tool. It hardly changes no matter what technology comes into play this year or the next ten years."

Saludo agrees. "Ateneo's strength has been its very rational approach to learning; the Philosophy and Theology courses that also develop thinking about life and issues, and the stress on expressing one's self clearly."

Domingo, however, points out other strengths. "On the Management Engineering side, the most important contribution to my personal well-being was the thought process it gave me: the framework to analyze problems, as well as the skills to be able to solve problems of any kind, not necessarily Mathematics problems. It's the logical approach to problem solving."

Landing jobs

Teehankee, following in the footsteps of his father, Justice Claudio Teehankee, continued on to Ateneo Law School. "There was always the attraction of continuing the Jesuit tradition of service through excellence," he says.

After obtaining a Masters degree from the University of Michigan and from the London School of Economics, he went on to become a New York-based international lawyer.

"It has helped me," he says. "So I think that's important for a lawyer; to be able to write and speak good English. And also in analyzing legal problems I think it's the methodology of thinking, whether it's Mathematics or Philosophy, that trains our minds to be more analytical in order to figure out how to best approach problems, and in this situation, legal problems."

Ferrer took up law at the University of the Philippines, but he also credits his Ateneo education with helping him become a successful lawyer.

ATENEANS/ B2

Its been a year since Purina launched its own TV show ...the **Sagot Kita Sagot Ka ng Purina**. Sagot Kita Sagot Ka ng Purina was first launched last July 28, 2002 on IBC Channel 13. The tv program is divided into five major segments. The Usapang Nutrisyon talks about the nutritional requirements and processes which helps animal raisers in their livelihood. Another segment is Balitang Haytek which features Purina's worldclass technology and methods in producing high quality feeds. The third segment is Purina sa Barangay which shows the different activities of Purina which help farmers around the country. Hogi Doki Dok features the other aspect of animal production such as breeding, management, sanitation and feeding which completes the basic concept of Purina's Four Square Program. The last segment is the Happy Feeder Corner which features the stories of satisfied Purina users. Two new segments were added to the program, the Tiptilaoink which discusses some of the concerns, questions and answers of the viewers and the Business Partner of the Week which talks about success though partnership with dealers, POS's, and customers. This year, Purina was recognized as the Most Outstanding Feed Product of the Year.

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RENZI M. JUAREZ: Starting a small business to keep her busy on weekends.

Young entrepreneurs join old-timers at Negros fair

THE SPEED of globalization reaching out to all the countries of the world is accompanied by a steeper market competition. Thus, making it harder for third world developing countries like ours to cope with the economic crisis we've faced through and' through. Though its truth threatens almost everyone especially investors, local and foreign, to gamble on any business here, a young mind and blood will not see this situation as a hindrance, rather, a door to innumerable opportunities.

An initiative of a bunch of Negrense women proved that adverse times can bring out the best in an individual with the birth of the Association of Negros Producers (ANP).

ANP is a non-profit, non-stock and non-political organization sometime in the '80s due to a sugar crisis in the province. The association helped Negros' crippled economy through its initiative in nurturing small and medium-scale producers in the locality thus, acting as a catalyst for the province to regain its glory.

Because of the challenging beginnings that ANP went through, it supports young, fresh and talented entrepreneurs.

With continuous entrepreneurial training programs for product development and technical support, ANP attracts the new brood of entrepreneurs to become a part of their system and join in their mission to contribute to the development of Philippine economy through Filipino ingenuity.

Calados

Calados Woodcraft and Novelties and Frolic Enterprises are just a couple of young businesses that joined the organization. Their proprietors strongly believe that they've found refuge in ANP, preparing them to compete with the giants in the present market condition.

Couple Martin and Nikki Seva have known *calados* or fretwork as early as 1995 and were hooked on it. Martin's passion for woodworking started through high school projects and exposure to his dad's furniture business enhanced that inclination and led to the discovery of the art of *calados*.

Together with his wife who acts as the designer, he created business out of it under his father's wing. Martin discovered that people tend to develop attraction to an art reflecting their rich cultural history like the fretworks he makes after joining two trade fairs in Manila. It also opened his eyes to a wider market here and abroad so he decided to put up his own company, the Calados Woodcraft and Novelties.

Starting on their own did not bother the couple. Martin's experience in his father's business taught him the ABCs of the business. With their perseverance and patience, their business grew. But it was when they joined the ANP that they've become more productive.

"ANP provided contacts and a perfect venue to showcase our products. It also helped us improve our management skills," shared Martin.

Calados' clientele which includes sports centers, malls, hotels and local architects, could attest to the quality of the products they produce. The wooden gift items and architectural furnishings they manufacture became a byword in the industry through satisfied patrons and subtle exposure in the ANP showroom and trade fairs. At the rate his company is going, Martin could just imagine how successful his company would become if he will use multi-media advertising. But he's contented with what he's having right now. He's taking one step at a time. He believes he'll get there in time through ANP.

Frolic

Frolic Enterprises, on the other hand, started when Renzi M. Juarez thought of starting a small business to keep her busy during weekends. Frolic was originally a disco house that Renzi and a college pal dreamt of putting up then. Though it did not materialize as the party house she dreamt of, Frolic became a business that caters to the needs of a market that loves reading, traveling and clean fun like her. So it's still some sort of realization to her dream.

Frolic's produce as expected came about through Renzi's experiences. Being a confessed book addict herself, she found her books' need for protective covers to keep them from being soiled and crumpled especially during her travels. As an answer to that, she created the Frolic Book Pal, a fashionable book cover made out of fabric. She also thought of creating the Frolic Book Rest or cushion to provide comfort while reading hardbound books. Her adventurous side that makes her travel a lot gave birth to the Frolic Sombrero, a travel accessory she believes as a must especially for people who love to bum around beaches. It was through her idea of a fun night chilling out with friends that paved the way for the hand-painted Frolic Souvenir Shotglasses to be made. The shotglass charmed not just the locals but the foreigners as well with the idyllic scenes on the surface. Drinking tequila from it indeed makes one feel the good life.

Renzi admits that her business venture is more of an outlet to relax because it unleashes and enhances her creative side. Her creative pursuits through Frolic keep her more upbeat and on-the-go after long hours of analytical work in a bank. But other than that, Renzi's business provides job opportunities to local talents.

Joining the ANP provided Renzi the much needed market exposure. Her first exposure to the 16th Negros Trade Fair dubbed Transcend on Sept. 24 to 28 at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall which will showcase more than 60 booths of products from Negros excites her. She hopes to get more business opportunities for Frolic Enterprises after the fair because it will not just make her business flourish but enable her to help more people.

Renzi said, "ANP serves as an inspiration to new members like me because of other members who started small and made it big through the organization."

With inquiries and visits by foreign-based entrepreneurs interested in bringing ANP products to their country according to ANP President Doreen Alicia-Gamboa, Negros producers like Calados Woodwork and Novelties and Frolic Enterprises are one step ahead of the others to the doors of success.

Bicolano makes name in global market with goods made of RP materials

By Michael B. Jaucian
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

GARCIA'S products displayed at their Las Piñas City showroom.

LIGAO CITY—Strictly observing honesty in his business dealings, Louie P. Garcia, 52, a social work graduate from Barangay Binatagan here, has made a name in the international market with his native handicrafts.

Garcia, proprietor of Sofrocor Enterprise International, said even though he is not a management graduate, he has proven that anyone could excel in any kind of business, provided that a person practices honesty, has a lot of perseverance and loves his work.

Sofrocor is a combination of his father and mother's names, Sofrocio and Corazon.

"When I ventured in this kind of business, the only knowledge I knew were the four basic mathematical operations, which I believe is very important in our day-to-day living," Garcia says.

He claims the reason why his business became successful was the good rapport he established with the foreigners he met during his travels abroad.

He says foreigners will continue doing business with Filipinos if at the very first deal, the local businessman already practices and observes honesty and trust.

"Honesty or transparency in business world plays a great role," Garcia discloses.

He recalls that before he ventured into the handicraft business, his father had tasked him to manage their family business, the Badjao Lodge and Restaurant in Oas town. At the same time, he worked as administrator of their hospital.

He learned a lot from the years of managing the businesses but he had had no feeling of contentment because the nature of his work was never a challenging one.

Martial law

It was in the middle years of martial law when Garcia, after careful thought, decided to leave for Canada. He knew that living under the regime of President Marcos would never be rewarding and progressive.

During his stay in Canada, Garcia found out that the Canadians love to buy and wear body accessories and household decors made of raw materials like bags, baskets and other handicraft products.

Garcia packed up his things and took a flight to the Philippines. It was the Edsa revolution when he arrived in Manila.

When he reached his hometown in Albay province, the first product he produced was an ordinary placemat made from abaca plant.

According to him, the placemats, with a little design, were easily sold in the local market and patronized by Bicolanos and visitors.

The first product he made was a hit in the market. In fact, after five years in the handicraft business, the Department of Trade and Industry regional office here invited him to register the business name with the agency and encouraged him to attend seminars to enrich his knowledge on handicraft business.

Through a series of seminars conducted by the DTI and participated in by Garcia and his wife Leticia, they met foreigners who encouraged them to try exporting their products.

The Garcias also disclosed that going abroad for vacations, also served as a good step and a very good investment in their present business.

Finding the market

To realize the best opportunity offered by the foreigners they met, the couple did not focus on placemat making alone, but expanded their business by making a variety of products.

With the vast supply of raw materials, especially in the third district of Albay, and the skills of the Bicolano workers in making handicraft products, production has never been a problem.

The couple has come up with unique handicraft products like hampers, dividers, bags, fruit trays, newspaper and magazine racks and other home accessory products, which are made from indigenous fiber materials like abaca, water hyacinth like water lilies, coconut twigs, hagnaya vines, corn husk and *talahib* (wild grass).

"With great innovations and by coming up with new and colorful designs, the orders from abroad have increased in volume, which normally brought us joy and happiness. But on the other hand, these eventually brought additional labor and burden to us," the couple says.

Not an easy venture

"We thought the handicraft business was not a laborious thing to attend to, but we were wrong. It's definitely the opposite, as there is too much pressure and stress," the couple complain.

They say there were inevitable moments wherein they had to spend Christmas with their workers in the warehouse, loading goods in the container vans, just to beat the deadline and meet the demands of their buyers abroad.

They, however, claimed that they never feel exhausted because they enjoy what they are doing.

The Garcia's disclosed that when they started their business they had only one employee and their house served as the storage room.

With the blessings from God, coupled with hard work and patience, the couple and their lone son acquired in 1997 a 3,000-square-meter parcel of land situated in Ligao and foreclosed by the Bank of the Philippine Islands.

It now serves as their main factory and warehouse.

The Garcias was also able to put up another warehouse in Metro Manila and an accessible showroom for buyers in Las Piñas City.

The showroom in Las Piñas City serves as a one-stop shop for invited prospective buyers only.

War, terrorism

The Garcias claimed that, months before the Iraq war, they were at the height of their business.

"It was actually the peak or our achievement as a handicraft exporter because in one month we were able to ship volumes of handicraft products loaded in container vans heading to the US, Canada, Europe and some Asian countries," the couple happily narrate.

Garcia admitted that the terrorism in the Philippines somehow scared some foreign buyers from coming to Manila and this affected their business.

Because of that event, China was given a break. China serves as their rival in exporting handicraft products.

And they boldly face the challenge.

Foundation

Since handicraft products have great demands abroad, many Albayanos got employment.

The couple says the once idle village folk living in the outlying barangays have found themselves busy making handicraft products.

"Village folk living in Oas, Polangui, Libon, Malilipot, Tabaco City and Sorsogon are being paid for weaving while Ligao City folk are being paid for sewing," the couple say.

"One fruitful thing that we realized in this business is that an American buyer, owner of the Little Angels Foundation, who wish not to be named, has tied up with us in putting up a non-profit foundation, especially designed to help indigents by sending them to school," the couple say.

They say the foundation has chosen 100 deserving students as recipients.

THE GARCIA couple with their only son.

Ateneans speak out about going into public service

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"As a lawyer, I have to deal with a lot of government officials and my education in Ateneo gave me that confidence to engage them in an exchange of ideas, which is what lawyers are for," he says. This confidence also helped him become an expert on intellectual property laws, which led him to become the president of the Licensing Executives Society of the Philippines from 1995 to 1998 and the associate corporate secretary of the Philippine Franchise Association.

Saludo, who started out teaching at the Ateneo High School and the National Art Center, went on to become a writer and editor at Asiaweek Magazine, as well as an Asian affairs commentator with CNN and CNBC.

"One thing that my professors at the Ateneo, especially Rolando Tinio, made us do was to really think for ourselves, to use our heads and not just parrot what the books said," he recalls. "That led me to be very critical and analytical in anything that I do and I think that was a big help, both in journalism and now that I'm in government, in addressing issues and questions and problems that I encounter in my work now."

Domingo, after a first job with an advertising agency, took up his Masters first at AIM, then at Wharton in Pennsylvania. He became a managing director of Chemical Bank in New York. He states that his Ateneo education was an edge because it served as a stepping stone to all those opportunities.

Going into government

Each of these men sacrificed to some extent their successes to go into public service.

"More than a year ago, in March 2002, I was invited by Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho to join him because his chief of staff and undersecretary, who by the way is also a Jesuit educated Loyola graduate, Antonio Bernardo (BS Mathematics), was being appointed as customs commissioner," Ferrer recounts. "That's how I got into government."

Saludo joined the Presidential Management Staff in March 2001, then was named Secretary to the Cabinet in January 2002. "Well, after the change in government, I thought it was really necessary and imperative that the country got its act together, to reform and change the way things were being done. And I thought I wanted to contribute to that," he says.

Teehankee returned to the Philippines in 1998 for several reasons, including the desire to spend more time with his family and to finish his father's memorial library at Ateneo Law.

The desire to help out the government through the Department of Justice was one reason that grew from his Atenean education.

When the administration changed after EDSA 2, "I was very inspired and excited by the goal of President Macapagal-Arroyo to establish good governance and the rule of law. So I offered to help and my first project was to assist my former professor Secretary Perez in the legitimacy challenge before the Supreme Court."

This need to give something to society was also fostered in Domingo who says, "The big thing about the Ateneo education is that it actually contains a lot of Philosophy and Religion courses and they imbibe in you this culture of being a 'man for others.' And that's partly the reason why I'm in government. Right after graduation, I figured that at some point in my life I would dedicate at least a couple of years to public service as my contribution to my country and that's really from that Ateneo upbringing of being a 'man for others.' Working in government is a big sacrifice actually but it's part of that culture of being able to contribute something back to society."

These four men embody the kind of alumni the Ateneo aims to produce: men and women who are not afraid to come "down from the hill" of success, as the Ateneo school song goes, to help others reach the same heights they have.

Lessons from veterans in the food business

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

MANY dream of opening a restaurant. Some actually turn this into a reality. But few are able to turn that dream into a profitable venture..

A journalist once commented about the proliferation of restaurants in Manila, a lot of which are owned by rich kids who studied abroad. When they returned their parents were so proud of them, they gave them money to set up their own places.

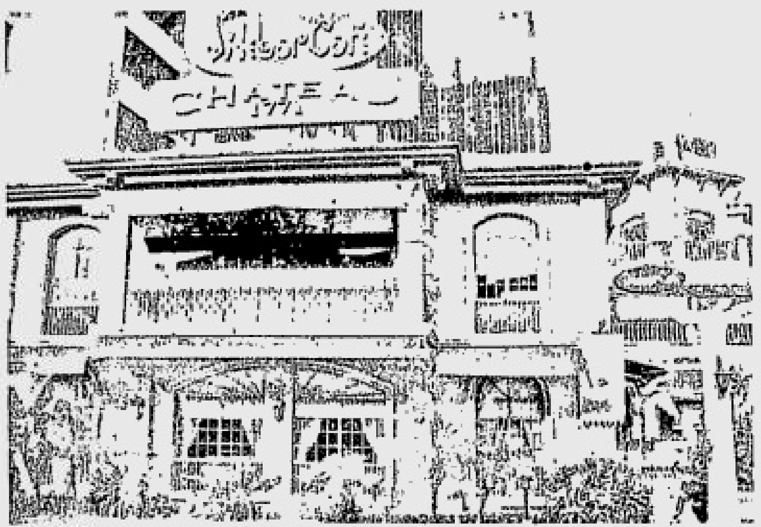
A couple of years (or less) later the place is close and dad has to say goodbye to a few millions.

One restaurant that seems to have discovered the secret ingredient to making the business work is the 15-year-old Chateau 1771.

It has expanded into other restaurants creating the Chateau 1771 group. The group has several investors but the main stockholder is Ricky Gutierrez. The chef and the one in charge of operations is Vicky Rose Pacheco.

The restaurants under the group, Chateau 1771, Portico 1771, Sentro 1771, and Sidebar Café, are owned by different companies but with similar shareholders. In each firm, Ricky has at least a 50-percent stake.

"In our investors' agreement, it states that the shareholders have no say in the management of the company. But in each company I make my partners the president and the treasurer so that automatically it is clear, there is transparency." Ricky says.



VICKY ROSE PACHECO chef, and controlling stockholder Ricky Gutierrez (left) of the Chateau 1771 group.

That perhaps is the first key lesson when setting up a restaurant. Avoid too many cooks as they will spoil the broth.

The kitchen is of course left to Vicky who has the authority to draw up the menu. She says that Ricky is supposed to sample each new dish but since he does not always have the time she introduces a new one without his tasting it. And so far, everything has turned out well.

Another lesson is to make sure the place always looks new. Ricky says many restaurateurs allow a seat or sofa with stains to stay on for months, even years. Sometimes stained linen is used. He says these are details that consumers see and keep in mind, knowing it reflects on the other aspects of the ways a restaurant is run.

He says if a chair has been stained, this should be replaced immediately. And work is usually done at night.

For the Chateau group, interiors are changed every four years, along with the menu. But for Chateau 1771, some dishes have withstood the past 15 years and consumers keep coming back for them—lemon chicken, steak flambé, pasta chorizo, carrot soup, onion soup. All are Vicky Pacheco's creation. (Vicky is the eldest granddaughter of the famous Mama Sita , of the Aristocrat group.)

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Suppliers

Ricky and Vicky also believe in taking care of your suppliers.

"Our suppliers are our partners. We take care of them," Ricky states.

Before the end of the year the group is opening a hotel in Batangas—Hotel Portofino.

Ricky says he chose Batangas because the place met the criteria he set for a hotel outside of Metro Manila - the area has potential for growth, there is competition and high occupancy, and it is near tourist spots.

The hotel is a major project because they are making it a high-end one compared with the mid-tiered hotels in the area today. The present of industrial zones create a good client base for hotels as many expats go to Batangas and neighboring provinces.

Ricky says that right now many of these expats still prefer to stay in Makati hotels because of the amenities or in a hotel in Alabang. Which is why he decided to go for the high-end market.

No time to cook

Vicky is in charge of the operations of the group, a position she sometimes laments as she does not have time to do what she really loves to do—cook.

But she says recently she just dropped everything and stayed in the kitchen for four days—lucky for those who dined during those days.

She says the key is for the chef to duplicate himself. This is not always easy as many work in a restaurant in the Philippines just to gain experience and then apply for jobs abroad.

In fact the Chateau group has many such graduates who are now in cruise ships or kitchens abroad.

Vicky admits that during the first few years, she was very angry about training people and losing them. But then they have come to accept the reality of it and now look at it positively—that their people have room for growth—whether from within or outside.

Ricky has always been entrepreneurial. He was among the pioneers of dehydrated fruits for export. He was also into vending carts selling hotdogs, siopao, corn, etc.

His first foray into the restaurant business was in his mother's hotel, the Malate Pension, which he rehabilitated and created a business plan for. Prior to this he was supposed to go to the US to work but shelved this plan.

In exchange he asked his mother for the café in the hotel and created the Garden Café.

Passion

Today, he says his main goal for the group is "to influence people to think towards excellence, to go into a system with passion.'

He says in their business, they come across all sorts of people everyday, people from different backgrounds." He hope that no matter what post a person occupies, he or she will strive to do better.

None of Ricky's children are interested in the business yet. And he does not mind. Neither is his wife involved.

Vicky wants to study again, She finished Hotel and Restaurant Administration at UP and obtained a food and Beverage Diploma at the Les Rôches, the Otela dn Tourism School in Bluche Montana Switzerland.

In parting, the two leave future restaurateurs with these tips:

1. Have the know-how when you get into the business.
2. Have passion.
3. Have good marketing
4. Have humility. Do not serve what you want, but what the market wants.

Taking a shot at entrepreneurship

WHAT could be better than being the proud owner of a successful business enterprise?

This was how John Walker must have felt when orders started piling up for his exclusive whisky blends back in the 1800's in Scotland.

It was commonly accepted then that whiskies vary in quality from bottle to bottle. Instead of letting things as they are and just be concerned with manning their store in Kilmarnock, young John Walker saw the possibility of fulfilling the need of his male patrons for a consistently-flavored and high quality whisky.

Armed with his knowledge of blending and his vision of a perfect whisky, John set out to create what eventually became the global business that is Johnnie Walker.

In celebration of the spirit of entrepreneurship, Johnnie Walker and Entrepreneur Magazine recently teamed up in search of ten outstanding Filipino entrepreneurs.

Dubbed as "Entrepreneur 10," this search is aimed at encouraging enterprising Filipinos to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams as John Walker did before them.

Chuck Janolino, Marketing Director of Diageo Philippines said "being involved in 'Entrepreneur 10' is a way of paying tribute to the pioneering entrepreneurial spirit of the brand's founder John Walker." Diageo Philippines Inc., is the exclusive distributor of Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky.

DAVID Almedral

GEORGE Lorenzana

Just like John Walker did 200 years ago many young Filipinos aspire to start and grow a successful business. Entrepreneur Magazine shares some of the success stories of young men who made it big in a business of their own.

Cigar retail shop

David Almendral, 32, of Fuma Tobacco Retailers Inc. grabbed the bull by the horns as soon as he spotted an unmet need in the local market for a cigar retail shop. Prior to the opening of Fuma and its imitators, anyone who wants a cigar would have to buy from a 5-star hotel. "I'm the first in the country to come up with such a concept and the first one to invest in it," David said, "no one really thought that it would work." But it did and he ended up smoking all the way to the bank.

Office supplies

Being the first in the business could indeed provide an entrepreneur with a competitive leverage. But it also has to be coupled with persistence. George Lorenzana, 33, of Office Warehouse Inc. understood this principle and built his business solidly around it. Despite being new ink the retail game, George managed Office Warehouse through difficult terrain and made it bigger and stronger in the process.

RAYMOND Magdaluyo

Crab all over

Now, who would want to dine in a restaurant with crab written all over the menu? No one, it seemed, until Raymond Magdaluyo, 29, brought Red Crab restaurant from Pampanga to Manila. He risked a lot in the venture believing it will be a hit. "Before you open a business, come up first with a product that will satisfy the needs of your market" said Raymond. His biggest problem now is finding a steady supply of crabs to satisfy the growing demand for it by the customers in his three restaurants, which consume 10,000 kilograms of crabs per month.

Running your own business is a great way to make a living. Great financial reward is at stake for you and you also ended up helping the economy by providing people with jobs. It's a job worthy of everyone's recognition.

Entrepreneur Magazine Associate Publisher Neil Palabrica said there are more than 50 qualified nominees to the Entrepreneur 10. They will be trimmed down to the leading cluster of ten, five for the small-scale business category and another five for the medium-scale business category.

Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky will also confer a special award from among the ten awardees. Chuck Janolino noted that this will be in recognition of the entrepreneur who best exemplifies John Walker's enterprising conviction.

Exec moves his family to stick to 'dinner rule'

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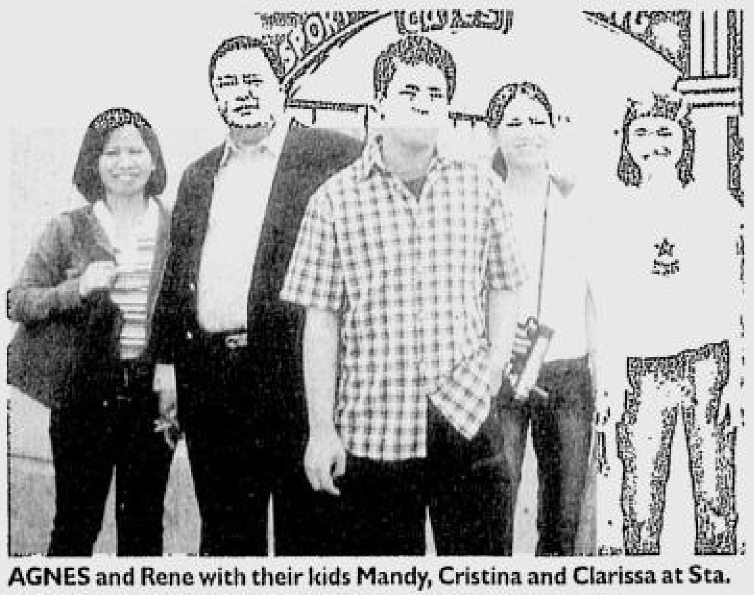
"The message, of course, was that we're not transferring to another bank. Our money is still here."

Equitable PCIBank VP for Corporate Communications Francisco Vista adds it also helped that Rene, who was VP for Retail Banking at the time, went around to the different branches talking to employees and clients, assuring them of the bank's stability.

Other than the Customer Recovery Program, the bank has also been aggressively tapping OFW remittances.

Last year, it exceeded the $1-billion mark, making it one of the biggest OFW remittance conduits for the country. Rene says the growth last year came from North America, but in terms of volume the Middle East and Europe contribute to the bulk of remittances at over 50 percent of the total.



AGNES and Rene with their kids Mandy, Cristina and Clarissa at Sta. Monica, California.

Value on family

While Rene has dedicated over 20 years of his life to the bank, he had made it a point not to let his rise affect his family life.

"I want to make sure I accomplish a lot in the bank without sacrificing my family," he states.

Rene makes sure weekends are spent with his family.

"My weekend starts on Friday evening. I avoid meetings and dinners because I take my family out to dinner. Saturday morning, I play golf and then they pick me up and we usually go to Batangas."

His golf games are mostly with friends, not business associates. In Batangas, he indulges in another passion—fishing.

Rene even takes fishing trips abroad.

Rene says there was a point when he wanted to retire at 50, which is three years away. But he says now he is open-minded about prolonging it.

For so long as he still has time for his family, he does not mind working.

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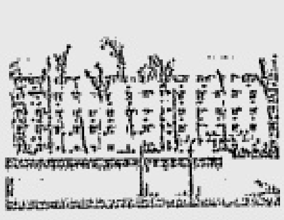

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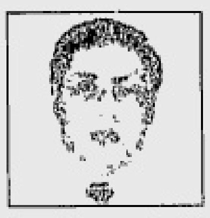

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT LAU CHOO TECK a.k.a. JAMES C.T. LAU, IS NO LONGER CONNECTED WITH CLUB PANOLY RESORTS, INC. EFFECTIVE AUGUST 23, 2003.

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PMA-Bacolod 2nd Western Visayas Regional Conference

PHILIPPINE MARKETING ASSOCIATION - Bacolod Chapter and Asian Institute of Management Executive Education and Lifelong Learning Center (AIM-EXCELL) will be Co-Presentors of the 2nd Western Visayas Regional Marketing Conference to be held at the Bacolod Convention Plaza on October 3 and 4, 2003. A memorandum of Agreement between PMA Bacolod represented by its president Josefa A. Puentebella and AIM-EXCELL represented by its dean Sonny Coloma was signed at the AIM Office in Makati on August 21, 2003.

Also present to witness the MOA were AIM-EXCELL Director of Program Marketing Corinne Funk-Zablan, PMA national president Dr. Leonardo R. Garcia, Jr. of De La Salle University Graduate School of Marketing and Sarah Pagunsan-Velasco of PMA National Secretariat.

The theme for this year's Conference is "Selling Snow to the Eskimo".

Induction of new PMA members will take place during the Closing Ceremony on October 4, 2003 in the same venue. Application forms are available at our PMA Secretariat for those interested to join.

For details call Shiela Vergara or Leizel Pavilario at (034) 4350942 or telefax (034) 4330978 or visit our PMA Office at Rolling Hills Annex Bldg., 26th Lacson St., Bacolod City or PMA Manila Office telephone 892-3144; 813-0466.

LATEST FILIPINO CPM. Denis A. Gutierrez (right) is the latest Filipino marketing professional to have passed the qualifying examinations conducted by the Singapore-based Asia Pacific Marketing Federation (APMF) last March 2003 for Certified Professional Marketers (Asia Pacific). Gutierrez is asst professor in the College of Business & Economics at DLSU-Manila. He was formally presented his CPM Certificate during the August general membership meeting of the Philippine Marketing Association (PMA) by its president, Dr Leonardo R. Garcia, Jr. seen at center reading the certificate text. At left is Renato S. Esguerra, chair of the PMA-CPM Career Development Project. The next CPM qualifying examinations will be held September 15-24, 2003 in all APMF-affiliated associations in the Asia Pacific region.

PHILIPPINE MARKETING ASSOCIATION, INC.

INVITATION TO INTERESTED CONTRACTORS

Subject: LOCAL GUARD SERVICES
Solicitation No. SRP380-03-R-0004
Date of Release of Solicitation: September 19, 2003
Date of Submission of Offers: November 21, 2003
Date of Site Visit: November 3-6, 2003
Date of Pre-proposal Conference: November 7, 2003

The American Embassy in Manila requires the operation and management of guard services in order to prevent unauthorized access, protect life, maintain order, deter criminal attacks against employees, dependents and property and terroristics acts against all U.S. assets, and prevent damage to Government property. The Contractor shall furnish managerial, administrative and direct labor personnel to accomplish all work as required in the contract. The estimated number of hours required for each year is, as follows: Guards 630,565.5; Guard/Drivers 48,180; Senior Guards 106,200; Senior Guard/Drivers 30,660; Supervisors 71,648. Any resultant contract will contain a base period not to exceed 12 months and four (4) 12-month optional periods of performance. The contract will cover the American Embassy facilities and Official residences within Metro Manila and Northern Luzon areas.

Submit request for hard copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) in writing to Joseph S. Catalano, Contracting Officer, General Services Office, American Embassy, Seafront Compound, Pasay City 1300 by mail or through fax number (632) 833-8203. No telephone requests will be considered. This solicitation is also posted on the "FebBizOps" site at https://state.monmouth. army.mil. Solicitation package will be issued to all responsible sources responding to this invitation.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

LYNETTE ANN OPERAÑA LOZADA

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT **LYNETTE ANN OPERAÑA LOZADA**, WHOSE PICTURE APPEARS ABOVE, IS A SUBJECT OF A WARRANT OF ARREST IN CRIMINAL CASE NO. U-11823 PENDING BEFORE THE RTC, BRANCH 45, URDANETA CITY.

For any information regarding her whereabouts, kindly contact Mr. Ferdie Chua at (0918) 9499107 or Ms. Abbie Angeles at 8110211 loc. 2228 / 5112228.

(PDI – Sept. 21, 2003)

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72 C Raymundo Ave., Bo. Maybunga, Pasig City Tel. 6414228 to 3

Republic of the Philippines
PROCUREMENT SERVICE
INTER-AGENCY BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The PROCUREMENT SERVICE (PS) invites G-EPS registered suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMBAT BOOTS and PONCHO TENT for the ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP).

The approved budget for these contracts are P57,885,600.00 for Combat Boots and P35,213,740.00 for Poncho Tent.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Pre-Bid Conference for Combat Boots on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 9:30 A.M. and the Pre-bid Conference for Poncho Tent on the same day at 1:30 P.M. at the PS Conference Room, Room 207, PS Complex, Cristobal St., Paco Manila

The bid documents shall be available at the PS-PURCHASING DIVISION starting September 22, 2003 upon payment of non-refundable fee of Six Thousand Pesos (Php6,000.00) for Combat Boots and Four Thousand Pesos (Php4,000.00) for Poncho Tent.

The bidders shall drop their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals in three separate sealed envelopes at the bid box located at the PS Conference Room at the above mentioned address. Deadline for submission and receipt of bids shall be on October 28, 2003 at 9:30 A.M. for Combat Boots and 1:30 P.M. for Poncho Tent.

For more information, please call the PS-Purchasing Division at telephone nos. 563-94-02 or 563-93-74.

PS reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. PS further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) EDUARDO P. OPIDA
Chairman, IABAC

(PDI-Sept. 21 & 28, 2003)

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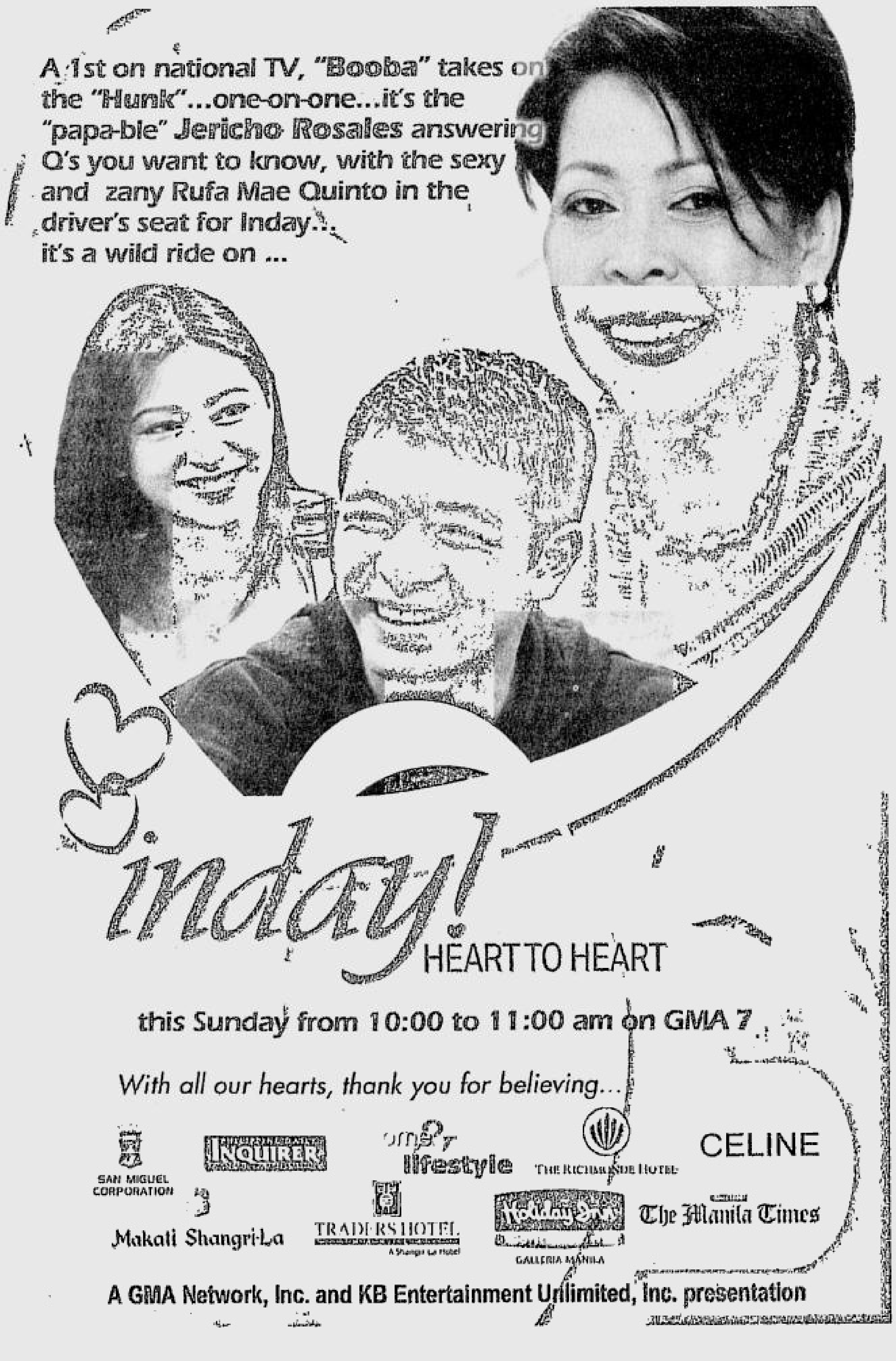
Notice is hereby given to the public that *Ms. BABAI H. PAGUI* whose picture appears above ceased to be connected with INK FOR LESS, Inc. effective August 26, 2003.

Any transactions entered by the said person for and in behalf of the company from the specified date shall not be honored by the company.



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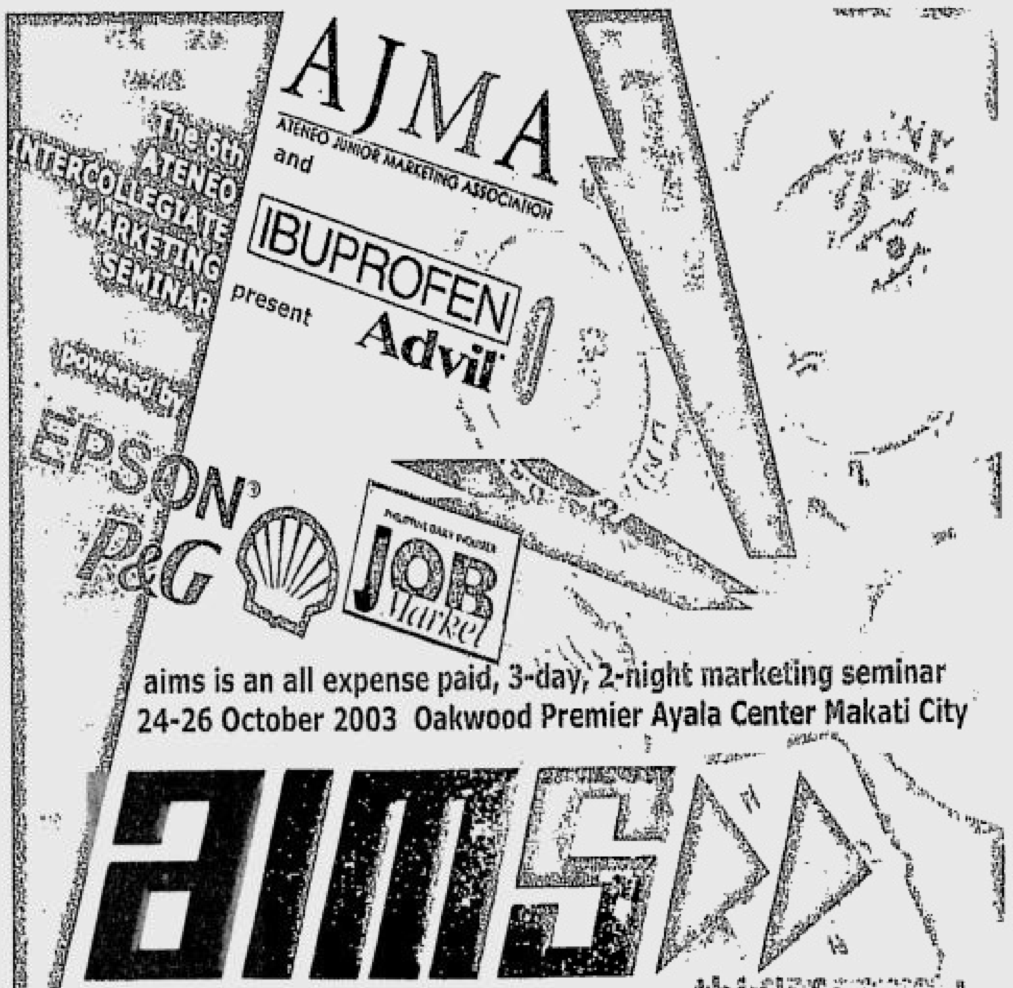

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This year's enriching seminar is fittingly entitled BUILDING A BUSINESS ON BRANDS: THE ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR BRAND MANAGEMENT IN TODAY'S HIGHLY DIVERSIFIED MARKETS.

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NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE/ JUNK ITEMS AND USED TRANSFORMER OIL

"AS IS, WHERE IS AND TAKE ALL" BASIS

DATE OF BIDDING: OCTOBER 07, 2003; 2:00 PM

The National Power Corporation will conduct a public bidding for the sale of following items:

	ITEMS DESCRIPTION and LOCATION	MINIMUM BID PRICE
1	One (1) lot approximately 12 tons of Wire Rope (16 rolls/bundle) Located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, Calaca, Batangas	P 3.00/kg.
2.	One (1) lot of unserviceable Conveyor Belt, approximately 16,400 kg. located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, Calaca, Batangas	P 5.00/kg.
3.	One (1) lot scrap plant/engine parts and radiators, tower parts, air condition approximately 100 tons, located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant, Calaca, Batangas	P 5.00/kg.
4.	One (1) lot of non-moving/unserviceable stock items such as bearing/ flanges, obsolete engine & car parts/accessories and other non-valuable items 13 pallets approximately 1000 kgs. located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant	P 3.00/kg.
5.	One (1) lot unserviceable/scrap assorted printer cartridge & ribbons located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant	P 4,000.00/lot
6.	One (1) lot scrap/unserviceable vehicle & heavy equipment approximately 17.5 tons located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant	P 5.00/kg.
7.	One (1) lot assorted used/unserviceable tires, 271 pcs. located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant	P 5,420.00/lot
8.	One (1) lot unserviceable/scrap computer, printer, keyboard, CPU, laboratory oven & equipment approximately 2 tons, located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant	P 6,000.00/lot
9.	One (1) lot used/unserviceable batteries, 24 pcs. located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant	P 50.00/pc.
10.	One (1) lot unserviceable power cables, 3 reels, 750 meters, approximately 5.35 tons located at Batangas Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant	P 75.00/kg.
11.	One (1) lot used transformer oil, approximately 25,000 liters located at Botocan HEP, Majayjay, Laguna	P 200,000.00/lot
12.	One (1) lot unserviceable power and telephone cables located at Bataan TPP, Limay, Bataan	P 1,192,083.00/lo

Sealed bids in the prescribed form shall be received until 2:00 p.m. of October 07, 2003 at the Materials Management Department Office, Ground Floor, Bldg. I, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City and shall then and there be opened and publicly read. For bid forms at P500.00 per set, additional information and request for inspection, please see Mr. S.V. LOMUNTAD, Jr. at the above address or call telephone no. 922 8431 or 924-5384. Deadline for the issuance of bid forms is 4:30 p.m. on October 06, 2003. All bids must be submitted with the following:

1. PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S CHECK EQUIVALEN TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL BID PRICE;
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN OF THE BIDDER (2002) OR FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TH COMPANY (ORIGINAL OR BIR CERTIFIED COPY).

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality found therein and t accept/reject such proposal as may be advantageous to its interest

For the Materials Management Department
(Sgd.) FELIX B. TACATA, JR.
OIC, MMD

(PDI - Sept 21, 22 & 23, 2003)

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Partnership of Philippine Support
Service Agencies

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies, Inc. (PHILSSA) has received a grant from the Japan Social Development Fund and the World Bank toward the cost of the project, "UPSCALING URBAN POOR COMMUNITY RENEWAL SCHEME," and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services. The services include the following:

1. **NGO IMPLEMENTING AGENCY FOR A PROJECT IN SAN FERNANDO CITY.** This involves implementation of a sub-project within San Fernando City. Consultant must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services following the minimum selection criteria: a) has identified potential sites and communities that have pending needs related to infrastructure or site development and housing; b) has established relationship with San Fernando City; c) has demonstrated management and organizing capability for community-based infrastructure projects; d) has legal personality and legitimate track record as an organization and should have no derogatory record; and, e) has financial capacity and proper financial management system. The assignment is expected to be undertaken within a period of Fifteen (15 months) starting December 2003
2. **GUIDEBOOK ON SLUM IMPROVEMENT.** This project will document approaches, methodologies and design standards for upgrading projects applicable to the range of diverse situations in urban poor communities in the Philippines. It will showcase best practices of urban poor community upgrading projects and the lessons learned from such practices locally and in other countries. This component will highlight the learning innovations and how these can be replicated in the five pilot sites. It will also cover the actual implementation of slum improvement projects in the five pilot sites. The project has three components: a) A compilation of local and international best practices on slum improvement including an assessment of lessons learned and recommendation for replication; b) Management and documentation of community visits, exchanges and reflections done among leaders from five selected project sites nationwide; c) A process documentation research (PDR) of the project implementation process in each of the five selected sites nationwide and a summary report of the learning from the five projects. The assignment is expected to be undertaken following the schedule below:
   - Compilation of source book = October to January 2004
   - Study tour and exchanges = February 2004 to Decmber 2004
   - Process documentation research December 2003 to March 2004
3. **VIDEO DOCUMENTATION.** This project will undertake the video documentation of the projects located in five (5) identified sites, namely: San Fernando City, Naga City, Quezon City, Mandaue City and Iligan City. The assignment is expected to be undertaken within a period of Seventeen (17) months starting December 2003.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (current edition).

Interested organizations may obtain the pre-qualification documents upon submission of an Expression of Interest not later than October 3, 2003, Friday, 5:00 P.M. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished pre-qualification documents is on October 17, 2003, Friday, 5:00 P.M. at the address below:

Ma. Christina R. Valte
Project Director, Project Management Unit
Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies
3/F Hoffner Building, Social Development Complex,
Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City
Telephone Nos.: (02)4264328/4265994
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(PDI - Sept. 21, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
& COMMUNICATIONS
METROSTAR EXPRESS

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The DOTC-MRT3 Bids and Awards Committee (DOTC-MRT3 BAC) invites all interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the procurement of the following services:

SERVICES	PROJECT COST
1. JANITORIAL SERVICES	Forty Five Million Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Pesos (P45,858,000.00)
2. SECURITY SERVICES	Fifty One Million Two Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Pesos (P51,232,000.00)

Eligibility requirements will be available to all interested parties on 22 to 29 September 2003 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 to the Administrative Division, MRT3 Depot office, North Avenue, Cor. EDSA, North Triangle EDSA, Quezon City. Submission of duly accomplished and notarized pre-eligibility documents shall not be later than 06 October 2003.

Bid documents and complete specifications are available for issuance on 13 to 20 October 2003 upon payment of non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 and upon presentation of Notice of Invitation and Certificate of Eligibility.

The DOTC Metrostar Express reserves the right to reject any or all of the bid proposals without offering any reason, waive any informality therein and make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government. This office, likewise assumes no obligation for whatever losses that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of the bids nor does it guarantee that an award shall be made.

All particulars relative to application for eligibility and to bid, bid bond, performance bond, pre-bidding conference, evaluation of bids, post qualification of the lowest calculated bid and award of contract shall be governed by R.A. 9184 and the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Executive Order No. 40.

(Sgd.) MARIO C. MIRANDA
Chairman, DOTC-MRT3 Bids and Awards Committee
Acting General Manager

(PDI - Sept. 12 & 21, 2003)

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			(MS Office), good moral character, action-oriented, analytical & team-player. Knowledge in ISO is an advantage.
Logistics Manager	30-35	M	At least 2 years experience in handling logistics particularly in the area of import and export procedure.
Accounting Staff	20-28	F	Accounting Graduate, with at least 2 years experience in a manufacturing company with a computerized system, had handled bank reconciliation and recording of sales and receivables, can work under pressure with minimum supervision. Willing to work long hours.
Production Assistants	19-25	M/F	High school graduate, good moral character, honest, dependable, hardworking, willing to work long hours, willing to work night shift, willing to be assigned in Rosario, Cavite.
Company Drivers & Truck Drivers	27-35	M	With valid driver's license, at least 3 years experience as a driver, willing to work very long hours, can stand pressure, aggressive, can speak English, can communicate well, neat and presentable

Interested applicants, please bring or send your resumé with 2 x 2 photo to:

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#5 Ring Road, LISP II, La Mesa, Calamba, Laguna
Tel#: (049) 545-7166 to 69 loc. 26
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From Monday to Friday

Save the Children

INVITATION TO BID

Bids are being solicited for the following items, with the minimum specifications indicated:

BLOCK 1 : 35 units desktops (Compaq,
IBM or HP only)
Intel Pentium 4
256MB of RAM or more
Floppy drive
CD-ROM
40GB HDD
17" monitor

BLOCK 2 : 13 unit laptops (Toshiba only):
Intel Pentium 4
256MB of RAM or more
Floppy drive
CD Writer built-in
40 GB HDD

Other requirements:

- All units must be new.
- Bidders may submit bids for one or both blocks. Those who intend to submit bids for both blocks must submit separate sealed bids.
- Bid must be submitted in triplicate-one original duly identified and two copies – all sealed in one plain large brown envelope. The envelope must indicate for which the block the envelope is being submitted.
- Bid prices shall be firm for acceptance three months after bid opening.
- Bid prices for desktops must detail unit cost and freight charges from Manila to Iloilo (good for 16 units). Laptops will be for Manila delivery.
- Items must be deliverable within two weeks from award of the bid.
- Bid must include (a) Company Profile, including office address, phone/fax of contact person, (b) Copy of business registration, (c) List of current clients and (d) brochures or other relevant material describing the unit being offered.
- Bids must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. September 25, 2003 at Save the Children US, No. 1 Encarnacion St. corner Lapu-Lapu Avenue, Magallanes Village, Makati City. No bids shall be accepted after that time.

Contact person: Ms. Tess Ragsag at mdragsag@savechildren. org

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LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES
La Union Ilocos Lending Center
Batac Branch

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals for the purchase on cash basis of the properties listed below will be received at Land Bank of the Philippines-Batac Branch not later than 9.30 AM on October 2, 2003 at which place, date and time, said proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders

	DESCRIPTION		MINIMUM BID
1	REAL ESTATE	TCT Nos. T-2651, T-2455 & T-2456	
	Aggregate Area	2,688.03 sq. meters	
	Reg. Owner	Land Bank of the Philippines	
	Shape	Almost Rectangular	
	Topography	Flat	
	General Land Usage	Residential/Commercial	
	Improvements		
	1. Convenience Store	Area – 82.40 sq. m.	
	2. Boy's Quarter	Area – 27 sq. m.	
	3. Concrete Driveway	Area – 140 sq. m.	
	4. Perimeter Fence	Area – 185 sq. m.	
	5. Residential Bldg. 1	Area – 50 sq. m.	
	6. Residential Bldg. 2	Area — 82 sq. m.	
	7. Gasoline filling canopy/Shed	Area - 192 sq. m.	
	8. Cable Office	Area – 40.70 sq. m.	
	9. Concrete Driveway	Area – 172.25 sq. m.	
	10. Bus Terminal	Area – 508.75 sq. m.	
	11. 2-storey Residential Bldg.		P11,269,569.00

The said properties are located in Brgy. Lacub, Batac, Ilocos Norte. Approximately 50 meters southwes of Marcos Museum and about 130 meters southwest of Batac Municipal Hall.
If for any reason the above mentioned date is declared non-working day, then the public bidding shall b held on the next working day at the same time and place aforementioned.

Copies of (1) Invitation to Bid (2) General Conditions on the Conduct of Public Bidding may be obtained from the Land Bank of the Philippines, Batac Branch. Prospective bidders are enjoined to inspect the above listed properties before entering their bids. The sale of the properties shall be "As Is-Where-Is". The winning bidder shall take possession of the awarded property without seeking assistance from the Bank. The award in favor of the winning bidder shall be subject to the approval of the LBP approving authorities

LBP reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality therein and to accept the bid mos advantageous to the Bank. The decision of the LBP shall be final and binding

DM/OIC FRANCISCO A. PASADO
Chairman
Regional Committee on Bids
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(PDI - Sept. 20, 21, 22, 2003)

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Mr. Ronald O. Licarte
whose picture is hereby shown was assigned,
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In Loving Memory
on the
Twentieth Death Anniversary of

BRIG. GEN. BALTAZAR B. AGUIRRE; JR., AFP

and

CARMEN P. AGUIRRE

who died on the 22nd and 23rd of September, 1983 respectively.

Holy Masses for the Eternal repose of their souls
will be offered at the following churches:

	Sept. 22	Sept. 23
1. Mary the Queen Parish, Greenhills	7 AM	7 AM
2. St. Ignatius Cathedral, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C.	12:15 PM	5:15 PM
3. Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills	6:15 PM	6:15 PM

So dearly loved...
So fondly remembered
So truly missed

In Memory of our Beloved

Atty. ADRIANO ESTACIO DACANAY

Born: Jan. 06, 1927 - Died: Sept. 18, 2003
who joined our Creator on September 18, 2003 at the age of 76.

His wife **Trifona**; children **Emmanuel & Edna, Alexander, Doris & Dick, Elizabeth & Eric, Racquel**; grandchildren, **Ezequiel, Elaine, Eloisa, Edelweiss, Abby, Anna, Abegail**; brothers & sisters **Nemesio, Josefina, Irene, Baby, Jean, Doris Barraza, Henry, Johnny, Cristy, & Rose**; and other relatives **Bejar & Patacsil** Family and **Mactal & Cuasay** family, request the pious readers for prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels., Inc., Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, September 24, 2003.

"Your presence will be deeply missed but the memories of your goodness will live with us and remain in our hearts forever"

wife, children, brothers, sisters & grandchildren

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(with Edrian and Baby Angelo),
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of our Lolo

ATTY. RAFAEL R. RAÑESES

Who peacefully joined his creator on September 26, 2002 at the age of Eight One (81). Family, relatives, and friends are invited to attend Holy Masses which will be offered at the following churches:

		Time	Date
Fatima Church	Legazpi City	6:00 am	Sept. 25, 2003
St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish	Tiwi Albay	5:30 am	Sept. 26, 2003
St. Michael the Archangel Parish	Oas, Albay	6:00 am	– do –
Our Lady of Fatima Parish	Tahao Rd., Legazpi City	6:00 am	– do –
Our Lady of the Gate Parish	Daraga, Albay	6:30 am	– do –
St. Raphael Archangel Parish	Legazpi City	6:30 am/5:30 pm/12:15 nn	– do –
St. Gregory the Great Parish	Albay Cathedral	5:30 am/6:30 am/ 12:15 nn/5:30 pm	– do –
Basilica of Our Lady of Peñafrancia	Naga City	6:00 am/7:00 am	– do –
Our Lady of Fatima	Cordillera, Q.C.	6:00 am	– do –
Sto. Domingo Church	Quezon Ave., Q.C.	12:15 nn	– do –
St. Francis Xavier Parish	Green Heights, Antipolo City	5:30 am	– do –
Señora de Salvacion Parish	Caticlan, Aklan	6:00 am	– do –
St. John the Baptist Church	Kalibo, Aklan	6:00 am	– do –
Monasterio de Santa Clara	Loyola Heights, Q.C.	6:00 am	– do –
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish	Bigaa, Legazpi City	6:30 am	– do –
St. Martin de Porres Chapel	Aquinas Hosp., Legazpi City	6:00 am	Sept. 26, 2003
St. Jude Church	Legazpi City	6:00 am	Sept. 27, 2003
St. Raphael Church	Legazpi City	5:30 pm	Sept. 27, 2003
University of Sto. Tomas Church	España, Q.C.	10:00 am	Sept. 28, 2003
Albay Cathedral	Legazpi City	5:30 pm	Sept. 29, 2003
Redemptorist Church	Cruzada, Legazpi City	6:00 am/5:30 pm	Sept. 30, 2003
Our Lady of Peñafrancia	Naga City	6:00 am	Sept. 30, 2003

I am
the way,
the truth
and
the life.
No one
comes
to the
Father
except
through
Me.

John 14:6

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family and relatives
of the late

ALBERTO A. SANDOVAL, Sr., M.D.

of Cuyo, Palawan
August 17, 1917 – September 12, 2003
(UP College of Medicine Class 1942)

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NEDA Caraga Regional Office
Nimfa Tiu Bldg., J. Rosales Ave., Butuan City
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) of Caraga Region, through the Caraga Food Sufficiency Project, a Spanish Government-funded development intervention, invites contractors with PCAB License Category of at least Medium B to register and apply for eligibility, and if subsequently found eligible, to bid for the **Construction of Sta. Josefa Farm Level Grains Center (FLGC)** with an approved budget for the contract in the amount of Four Million Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (PhP4,479,200.00).

The FLGC is intended to house grains post-harvest facilities, which includes a warehouse, solar dryer, husk storage, perimeter fence and other support structures. The project site is located in Sta. Josefa, Agusan del Sur.

Two copies of the following duly certified eligibility requirements in sealed envelopes must be submitted to **CFSP-NEDA BAC Secretariat**, NEDA Caraga, Nimfa Tiu Bldg., J. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City, to form the basis for the evaluation and assessment for pre-qualification of bidder.

1. Qualification Statements (forms could be obtained from the BAC Secretariat)
2. SEC and/or DTI Registration;
3. 2003 Business Permit;
4. BIR tax registration;
5. PCAB License/Certificate of Renewal of Contractor's License.
6. Audited Financial Statements (stamped received by BIR) for the past three (3) years and bank statements with bank reconciliation statements for years ended 2000, 2001, 2002;
7. Joint Venture Agreement (if joint venture), profile and qualification statements of firms covered with the joint venture;
8. Statement that the contractor is not blacklisted with any government agency, institution or corporation;
9. Certification of Satisfactory Completion issued by the clients for completed contracts for the last three years;
10. Appointment and authority of the Representative to file bid;
11. Xerox copies of sales invoices, lease agreement or deed of sale of the equipment currently owned or leased.

The deadline for submission of Eligibility Requirements in sealed envelope shall be on or before **Oct. 6, 2003, 12:00 noon.**

Bid documents shall be available for issuance to eligible bidders on **Oct. 13, 2003** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP1,500.00. The eligible bidders are requested to inspect site before submitting their bids. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes to the above office on or before **12:00 noon of Oct. 28, 2003.** The opening of bids shall be at **2:00 PM** on the same day. Late bids shall not be accepted. The Pre-Bid Conference shall be conducted on **Oct. 13, 2003, 9:00 AM** at the above address.

The provisions of E.O. 40 and its implementing rules and regulations, and other applicable rules and regulations shall govern all participants relative to pre-qualification, bid evaluation and award of contract.

NEDA Caraga/CFSP reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. NEDA Caraga/CFSP further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not to award the contract and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **CARMENCITA S. COCHINGCO**
Regional Director, NEDA-Caraga

(PDI–Sept. 21 & 28, 2003)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that **ARIEL SANTOS** of **IDEAL Commodities Ventures** whose last known address is at No. 30 Springdriveway, Congressional Village, Phase I, Quezon City has been ordered arrested on the strength of a warrant issued by Judge Selma Palacio Alaras of the Metropolitan Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 61, in connection with a criminal case for violation of B.P. Blg. 22 docketed as Criminal Case No. 313205 entitled People v. Ariel Santos.

Any information leading to his arrest may please be forwarded to Ricardo J.M. Rivera Law Office, Unit 2001 Jollibee Plaza Condo., Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City with tel. nos. 637-5939 to 40.

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Evangeline Alganes

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NOTICE

MERCY VIDA "VIDA" B. LEUNG

whose picture appears above is not connected with the Women's Media Circle Foundation. She is no longer connected as a volunteer of any conference or activity organized for ILGA, Pinoy Pride or the Women's Media Circle Foundation, Inc. effective 5 July 2003. We will not honor any transaction entered into by her in any related matter

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Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Kalinga
Municipality of Lubuagan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **PORTIA PURISIMA C. SUYAM** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from Purisima to Portia Purisima in the birth certificate of Purisima Suyam who was born on February 12, 1962 at Lubuagan, Kalinga and whose parents are Bartolome Suyam and Manuela Cuta

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than 28 September 2003.

(Sgd.) **JOEL B. TAGAOTAO**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Editor **Aries Espinosa**

Samsung helps bridge RP's 'Digital Divide'

IT HAS always been Samsung Electronic's conviction that science and technology (S&T) is the most important factor for national economic growth and a source of competitive advantage. Recognition of this fact has led technologically progressive nations and firms to invest substantial resources in research and development (R&D), technology acquisition and adaptation, S&T education and training, and S&T infrastructure.

Here in the Philippines, no less than President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has identified S&T as a principal means to fuel the nation's economy and ensure the well-being of all Filipinos. In order to close the gap between the country and its global neighbors, the government came up with the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan, wherein the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) will pursue programs and activities guided by the principles of competence, competitiveness and conscience.

"First of all, we will be implementing high-priority flagship programs to develop competence and competitiveness and address the needs of the poor and the disadvantaged. Secondly, by strengthening and giving sharper focus to continuing programs in science and technology to make them more relevant to the goals and thrusts of the current administration. And last but not the least, improving S&T governance and management, including institutional reforms for a more productive and efficient science community," DOST Secretary Dr. Estrella Alabastro said.

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Focusing on the Filipino youth, DOST came up with the S&T Human Resources Development Program to encourage investment in education and S&T in order to raise Philippine productivity to international benchmarks.

"Pursuant to RA 7687, enhancing S&T awareness and consciousness is a necessary first step in creating a culture of innovation and in heightening appreciation of S&T's potential for solving the country's socio-economic problems. What's more, it is also great to know that companies from the private sector are also doing their share in developing our youth through S&T," Alabastro said.

Among these companies is Samsung Electronics, which launched its "Samsung DigitAll Hope" in Australia, Singapore, India, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines. The regional social program will donate $600,000 and divided among various organizations from eight countries supporting the use of technology to improve the lives of youth and helping to bridge the digital divide. The theme for 2003 is "Live Your Dream", which will focus on fulfilling the dreams of young people.

The Salesians Society of Don Bosco's project proposal of integrating e-learning into their training centers for the marginalized youth is the Philippines' winning entry to the "Samsung DigitAll Hope." One of the main apostolates of the Salesians of Don Bosco in the Philippines is to provide employable skills to the marginalized youth through its manpower skills training centers. The organization has already considered adapting e-learning in its centers. It is expected to lead to greater learning efficiency, cut down instructional cost and expose the trainees to information technology.

The program consists of four main components: to equip the different Don Bosco Schools and Training Centers with the required equipment, facilities and network infrastructure to implement e-learning in their classes, strengthen the capability of the province in the development of coursewares by complementing the existing courseware development facility with additional equipments and tools, equip the trainors of the different Don Bosco Training Centers with the skills and competence in the use of e-learning systems, and develop customized coursewares for Don Bosco Training Centers, which would also be made available to other technical vocational training center locally and internationally.

Supporting the youth-themed program of Don Bosco is just part of Samsung's commitment to give back to the countries where it operates. "When we looked at what was being done in the country, on a social level, we realized that much more was needed. 'Samsung DigitAll Hope' has chosen the right program to support since it promotes the use of information technology for marginalized youth. Perhaps, through Samsung's efforts, it could influence other companies to get involved in social programs as well," Alabastro said.

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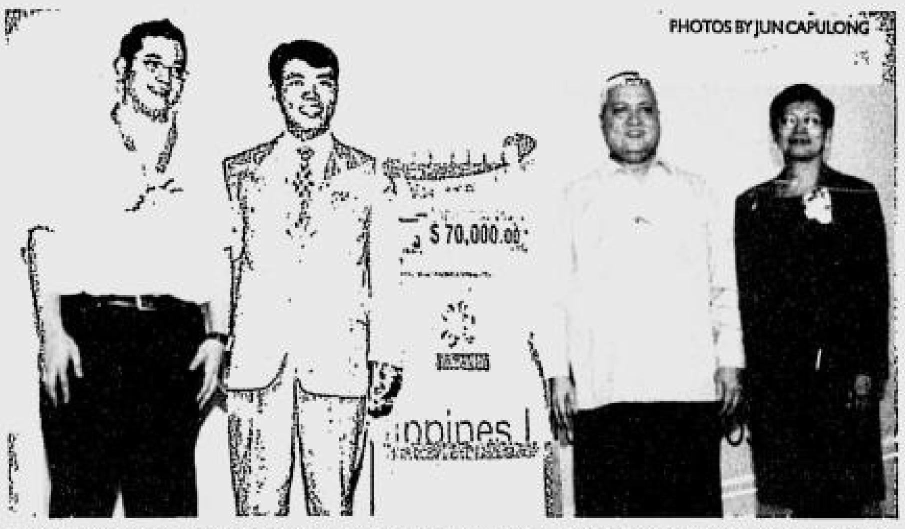


FROM left: Bam Bam Aquino, Sang Youl Eom, Bro. Jose Maria Ferrer and Dost Sec. Estrella Alabastro.

FROM left: Sang Youl Eom and Bro. Jose Maria Ferrer.

Cine Europa at SM Cinema

THE much-awaited European union film festival, Cine Europa, unreels this week at the SM Cinemas. Beginning with an exclusive Gala Night at Podium last Sept. 18, it will then be open to the public at the SM Megamall Cinema 6 until Sept. 28.

With these year's theme, Connecting Cultures through Cinema, Cine Europa will feature thirteen critically acclaimed films from the European Union member states. These include Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Potugal, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Germany's "Nowhere in Africa" and Portugal's "Captain of April" are historically rooted dramas that can't be missed.

France's "Karnaval" and Finland's "The Handcuff King" are coming of age stories, while Belgium's "The Carrier's are Waiting" is a family drama.

The United Kingdom has two compelling films in the festival courtesy of Solar Films. Charlotte Gray, which stars Cate Blanchett and is directed by Gillian Armstrong, is set in Nazi occupied France at the height if World War II.

Also from the UK is "The Magdalene Sisters", a controversial film set in the Magdalene Asylum in Ireland.

The festival also has thriller themes. Austria's "The Praying Manthis" is a black comedy about Trizi Jancik.

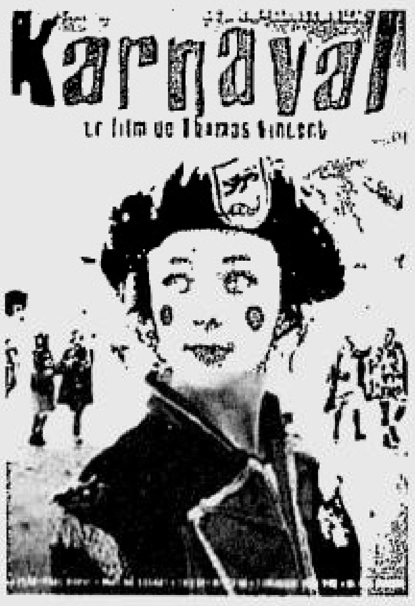
Spain's entry in this year's festival is its homegrown director Alejandro Amenabar's suspense thriller "The Others", which stars Nicole Kidman.

Belguim's "Shades" starring Mickey Rourke is a frantic film with a film.

Providing lots of laughter is "Zus and Zo" from the Netherlands, an upbeat comedy. Sweden's "Adult Behavior...It's All in the Mind", on the other hand, is a comedy about the thirty year crisis of a married lawyer who can't seem to shake off the teenager within him.

Catch Cine Europa 6 at the SM Megamall Cinema 6 from Sept. 18 to 28. Admission is free and seats are on a first come, first served basis.

Cine Europa 6, Connecting Cultures through Cinema, is a joint initiative of the EU Members States and the Delegation of the European Commission. It is co-presented by The Podium, and the SM Cinemas in cooperation with Smart Communications


Karnaval
Le film de Thomas Vincent

FINLAND'S 'The Handcuff King'

FRANCE'S 'Karnaval'

FREEMASONS CONSTRUCT CR

Labong Lodge #59 of Masonic District 3 under the jurisdiction of the most worshipful grand lodge of the Philippines recently turned over a urinal comfort room to the Payatas Elementary School. Shown are principal Dorotea Eseller and Merlita Canlas with Freemasons representative VW Fred Ibay and WB Nelson Yau.

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Bits & Clips

Real estate seminar

THE Real Estate Education Center (Reec) will conduct a comprehensive real estate seminar starting Sept. 20 to Nov. 8, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Jonis Bakeshop conference room, Pasay Road, Makati City. Lecturer-reviewer is lawyer Ruben Palacio Jr., renowned dean of professional real estate educators. The seminar is primarily programmed to prepare for and enhance the success of examinees taking the forthcoming real estate brokers' licensure examination. For particulars, call the Real Estate Education Center at tel. nos. 921-4520 or 921-2252.

Merk's 1st anniversary

SEPTEMBER marks the first anniversary of Merk's Bar Bistro, the place in town that blends good taste in food and entertainment. For this very special occasion, Merk's has lined up a musical feast for the senses, so come and celebrate the month of September at Merk's Bar and Bistro located at the third level of Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center, Makati City. For inquiries and reservations, call Merk's at 757-4720 or 757-4721, email at mail@merksbarbistro.com.

Photo workshops

PHOTO enthusiasts and aspiring photographers are invited to attend the basic photography workshops on Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5. The venue is Yslas Restaurant inside Fort Santiago in Intramuros Manila. The workshops will be conducted by professional photographers, Victor Sison, Tony Raval, and Ador Pamintuan and professor Cecilia Angles. The workshops are under the auspices of the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation, Fujifilm and the Intramuros Administration. For details call 813-7420 or 843-5341 c/o Beverly Estrosas; email ppfwm@pacific.net.ph or visit its website at www.photoworldmanila.com.

Colgate Simply White launches mall tour

COLGATE Simply White, the first-of-its-kind major at-home teeth whitening gel, will be visiting major malls for the whole month of September to demonstrate a how a whiter smile can be easily and affordably achieved in just 14 days. It will be at the Atrium A of SM Megamall on Sept 21, and at the Podium from Sept. 25 to 28. The mall tour will also feature an all-white fashion show of some of the leading and local apparel brands. The Colgate Simply White and Beautiful Fashion Show will take place at the SM Megamall Atrium A on Sept. 21.

Golf for Goodwill

SPLASH Foundation Inc. invites all golf enthusiasts to join the 1st Open Splash Golf Tournament, a fund raising activity for its various humanitarian projects. The tournament will be held at the Executive Course of Valley Golf and Country Club on Sept. 23. Registrations starts at 6:00 a.m. and tee off is from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. A fabulous Toyota Vios shall be awarded to the lucky hole-in-one winner, together with trophies for the champion, as well as the 1st and 2nd runners-up of Class A, B and C divisions. Exciting raffle prizes also await participating players. Proceeds from the tournament will be used for various projects of Splash Foundation such as livelihood scholarships, child hospitalization and community services, so show off your skills and show you care.

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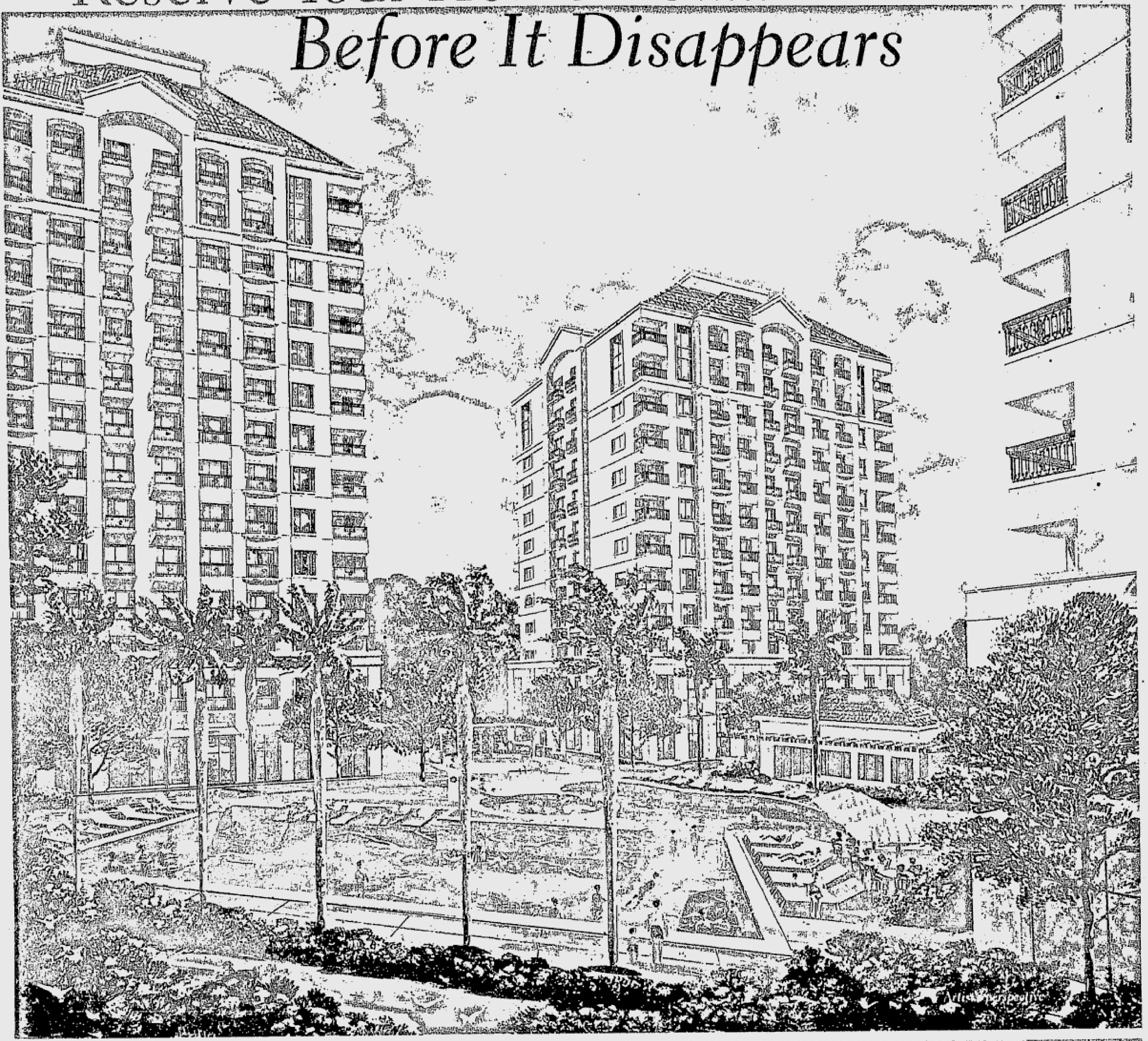

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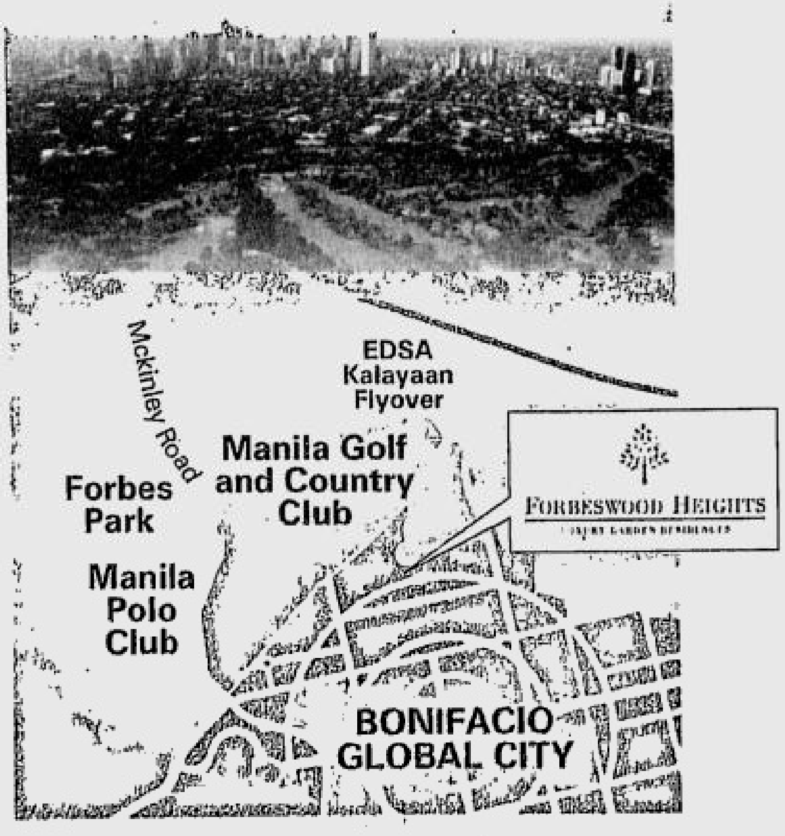
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ENTERTAINMENT

Joey: I can win without Kris' help

By Marinel R. Cruz

COMEDIAN and Parañaque City Mayor Joey Marquez does not want his girlfriend, TV host and actress Kris Aquino, to campaign for him when he runs for congressman in the 2004 elections.

"I don't want people to think that I entered into a relationship with her because of political reasons," Joey said last Thursday.

He also pointed out that he has run for mayor of the southern Metro Manila city and won for three consecutive elections without her help.

But "she said she would still campaign for me even if I told her to campaign for somebody else," Joey added.

"I would be happy if she were just an ordinary woman," he said over dinner during the press conference to promote "Utang ng Ama," his very first movie with former presidential son and former San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada. "But she's the daughter of a former president and is a popular TV host."

Kris recently bought a house in Hillsborough in Alabang, in Muntinlupa City, which is right next to Parañaque, reportedly in preparation for the coming campaign period.

Last March, Joey's estranged wife, actress Alma Moreno, said she would run for mayor of Parañaque, with incumbent councilor Gene Puzon as her candidate for vice mayor.

"I discouraged her from running but she wouldn't listen," Joey said of Alma. "*Hilaw pa talaga* (She's really still not ripe for politics). I believe that someone who has more experience in public service should be mayor. In my case, I climbed the political ladder one step at a time. I was vice mayor before I ran for mayor. This is also the reason why I won't run for any position higher than a congressman's."

Joey is in his third and last term as mayor of Parañaque.

He said he would campaign for Pablo Olivarez, former mayor who was his rival for the Parañaque mayoral post for three consecutive elections, and for comedian Anjo Yllana as Olivarez's vice mayor.

Anjo is a Parañaque councilor.

"I feel that Mayor Olivarez is sincere and really wants to improve the lives of the people in Parañaque," Joey said.

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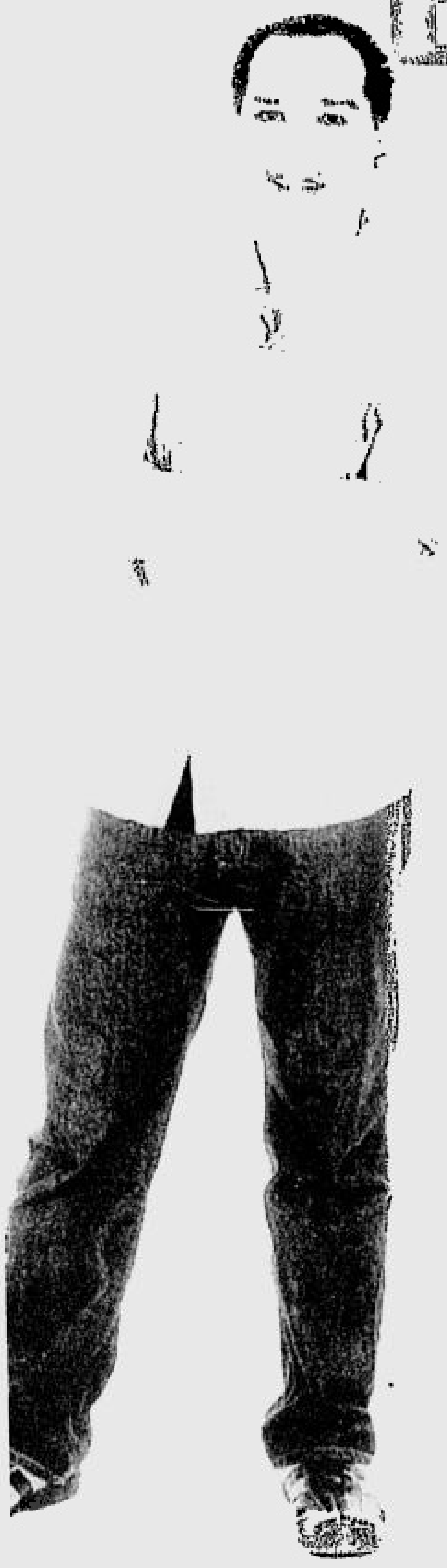

EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE. He'd be happy if Kris were just an ordinary woman, says Joey.

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Jomari Yllana and former wife Aiko Melendez, together with friends, had a few rounds of karaoke singing at Music 21 on Timog Avenue in Quezon City last Monday night. Ara Mina, Jomari's girlfriend who is said to be the reason for the collapse of the Jomari-Aiko marriage, reportedly cried when she learned that Jomari had gone out with Aiko instead of just his *barkada*, which was what he had told her. An eyewitness said workers at the karaoke bar saw the former couple leave the place arm in arm. Jomari reportedly took Aiko home.

The King rises to the top again

LOS ANGELES—Twenty-six years after his death, the King of Rock 'n' Roll returned to the top of the pop singles charts on Wednesday with another remix of one of his lesser-known songs.

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Elvis Presley's 1969 recording of "Rubberneckin'," given a contemporary update by leading DJ Paul Oakenfold, sold 11,000 copies in the United States in its first week in release, making it the No. 1 commercial single for the week ended Sept. 14, according to sales tracker Nielsen SoundScan.

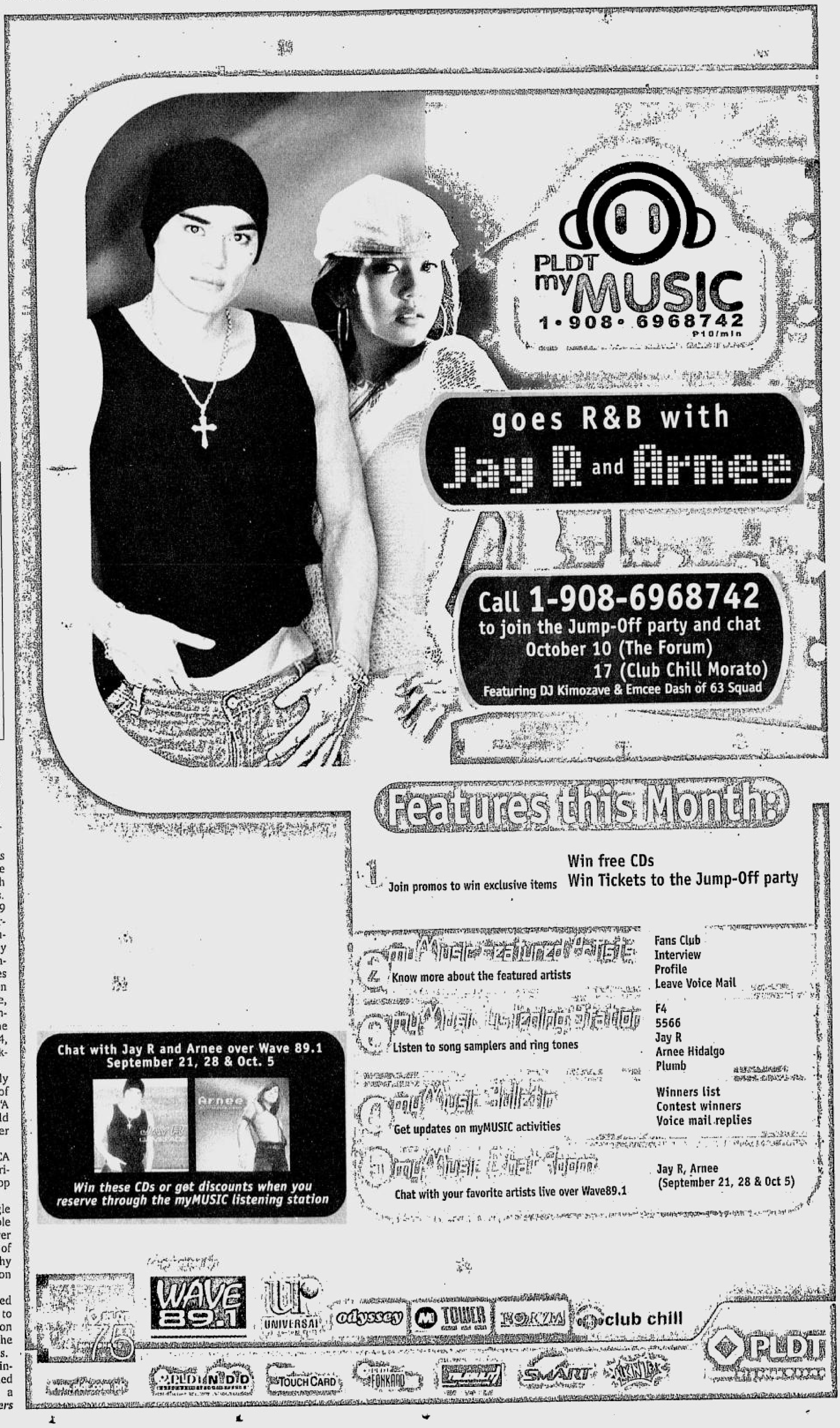
That was a relatively anemic opening compared with the debut of last year's remix of the obscure 1968 song "A Little Less Conversation," which sold 26,000 US copies its first week and later shot to No. 1.

But the release of "Rubberneckin'" by RCA Records was strong enough to bump "American Idol" runner-up Clay Aiken from the top of SoundScan's singles sales chart.

Aiken, who has had the best-selling single for 11 of the past 15 weeks with his double recording of "This is the Night/Bridge Over Troubled Water," slipped to No. 2 on sales of 7,000 copies. Still, Aiken has logged a healthy tally of 891,000 copies sold during his run on the charts.

The "Rubberneckin'" remix will be featured on the upcoming RCA release "Elvis 2nd to None," a follow-up to last year's compilation album "Elvis 30 #1 Hits," which topped the sales charts in the US and 26 other countries.

The new album, due out Oct. 7, will also include a never-before-released song recorded by Presley nearly 40 years ago, "I'm a Roustabout." *Reuters*



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Johnny Cash and John Ritter remembered

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FAMOUS folk singer **Johnny Cash** died earlier this week at 71, and is mourned not just by his family and friends but also by millions of people whose lives he's touched with his music over the decades.

Last Tuesday on his CNN show, **Larry King** invited some of Cash's loved ones and contemporaries in folk music to pay tribute to the man whose "life was in his voice," as one of them aptly put it.

By this, he meant that Cash's singing was based on his own experiences, both the triumphs and the failures, so he didn't just perform his songs, he *lived* them.

King and his panelists also agreed that, during his latter years, Cash had gone far beyond singing to make a living, to singing to share his insights about life with his listeners. Since he was born dirt-poor, he had experienced many rough times and had a lot of insights—and scars—to share.

Cash was a true artist who regarded every performance as a fresh opportunity to affect his audience for good. He was also lauded as a great storyteller whose flair for the passionate and the dramatic drew his listeners powerfully to the core of the musical experience he was sharing with them.

The panel discussion was enlivened by the showing of excerpts of King's interviews with Cash through the years. Viewers saw that, early in his career, Cash was the spitting image of **Robbie Williams** today. But his performing style was unique to him even then.

As the excerpts spanned the decades that followed, Cash looked increasingly older, but the soul of the artist remained focused and luminous.

And he was often bemusing in his no-nonsense observations about himself. In one excerpt, Cash wisecracked about his preference for black clothes in his wardrobe: "If you enter my clothes closet," he grinned, "it's dark in there!"

Cash may be gone, but his music lives on. Even better, a colleague has revealed that he left some 100 songs that have yet to be released. The plan is to come out with them annually, in batches. So, Johnny Cash will be very much with us for years to come!

For his part, actor-comedian **John Ritter**, who also passed away this week at a relatively young age, is best remembered as a man who loved life and "infected" others with that bracing outlook.

Colleagues gush about the major impact he had on their lives: "He was so full of joy and love." "He was always ready to play, to make fun of everything."

"His comedic ability came naturally to him. But he could also be a serious actor. Both his comedy and dramatic sense went deep into his heart."

The star of the hit sitcom "Three's Company" was similarly admired by his co-stars, who shared: "Ours was a truly happy ensemble, and much of the fun came from John."

"He had genius practically gushing out of him."

"Many of his friends he had known for decades, all the way back to high school. The way we all thought, John was such a special person that you held on to him and considered yourself very lucky, indeed. Nobody left John Ritter!"

Well, John himself has left his fans now, so his longtime friends will just have to learn to do without him. All of their fond memories of their years with him will help salve the sadness and pain.

'Nick Knockout 2003'

NICKELODEON Asia's Kiddie sports spectacle, "Nick Knockout 2003," hits the PSC Multi-Purpose Sports Arena (formerly Ultra), Pasig City, from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 21.

The fun-filled family event will be graced by some sports stars and MTV VJs.

Studio 23 at the Emmys

STUDIO 23 will air the 55th annual Emmy Awards live via satellite on Monday, Sept. 22. The exclusive satellite feed begins at 8 a.m. with the arrival on the red carpet of TV's biggest stars. Repeat telecast is at 6 p.m.

Studio 23 shows have garnered an impressive total of 57 nominations this year. Nominated shows include "The West Wing," "Alias," "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "Boston Public," "Buffy, The Vampire Slayer," "The Shield," "Fast Lane," "Will and Grace," "Survivor," "The Amazing Race" and "Yes, Dear."

'The Rookie'

"THE ROOKIE," starring **Dennis Quaid** and **Rachel Griffiths**, will be screened on Star Movies at 9 p.m. today, Sept. 21. It tells the touching true story of a 35-year-old coach who becomes one of the oldest rookies ever to play major-league baseball.

DID YOU KNOW...

PBA cager **Vince Hizon** and his fiancee **Patricia Bermudez** were seen at Greenbelt 3 one recent Thursday night. At Café Bola in Greenbelt 1 that same night, **Carmi Martin** was seen having dinner with designer **Frederick Peralta** and two other companions.

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Josh sings 'Meteor' theme

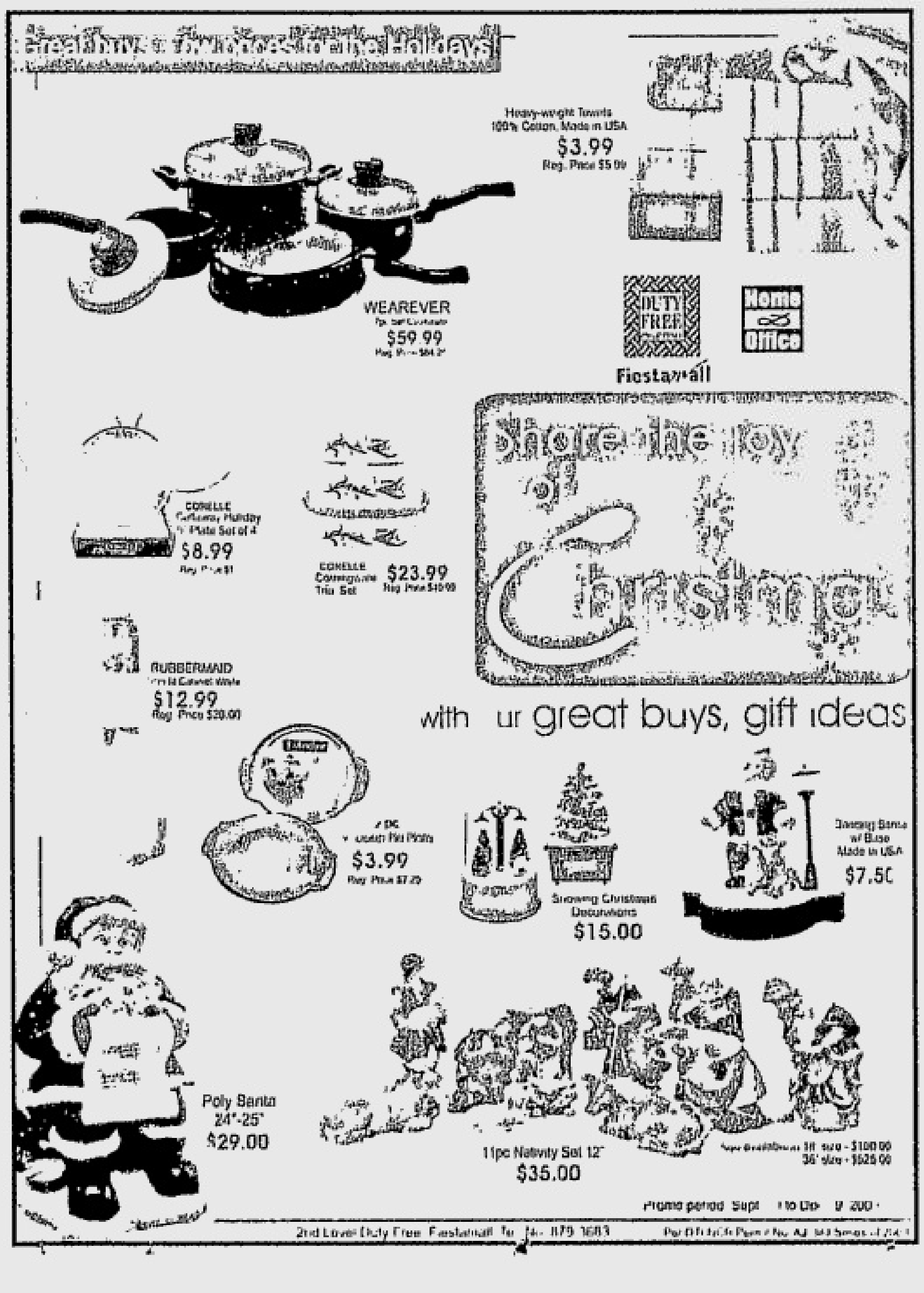
SHOW TIME

MICHAEL "Josh" Santana's latest single is a Filipino version of "Can't Help Fallin,'" one of the hits of the Taiwanese boy band F4, two of whom performed in Manila last week.

The song is the theme of the top-rated "Meteor Garden," also featuring F4 and shown on ABS-CBN. Josh's Filipino single, also called "Can't Help Fallin,'" is included in Star Records' "Solo" album, featuring Michael and two other rising singers, King Girado and Divo Bayer.

Josh started out on TV as one of the men vying for the affection of Carol Banawa's character on "Bituin." He is 19 and is also into dancing, hosting and modeling. He has also appeared on "Berks," "Cinema One" and "Cool on Cam."

"Solo," launched recently on "ASAP Mania," is available on CDs and cassettes at record stores everywhere.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Paolo Bediones joins cast of 'Daisy Siete'

SHOW TIME

PAOLO Bediones, host of "Extra Challenge" and "S-Files," takes another crack at acting as he joins GMA 7's afternoon drama-comedy series "Daisy Siete," featuring the Sexbomb Girls, starting Monday, Sept. 22.

Paolo portrays the bachelor stepbrother of one of the Sexbomb Girls.

Paolo has appeared on several GMA shows, and acted with Richard Gomez and Sharon Cuneta in the movie "Walang Kapalit."

Also starting on Monday, "Daisy Siete" goes interactive. Viewers can text their answer to the poll question for the week.

Also in "Daisy Siete" are Gina Alajar, Amy Austria, Joonee Gamboa, Mark Solis, Romeo Dower, the Varsity Boys of Allan Delfin, Aaron Flores and the Heartthrob Boys, John Lester Lee, Milan del Carmen, Jake Singson, Gilbert Garcia, Robin Robel and Gabby Garcia. Directed by Pat P. Perez, "Daisy Siete" is a production of Focus Entertainment Inc.

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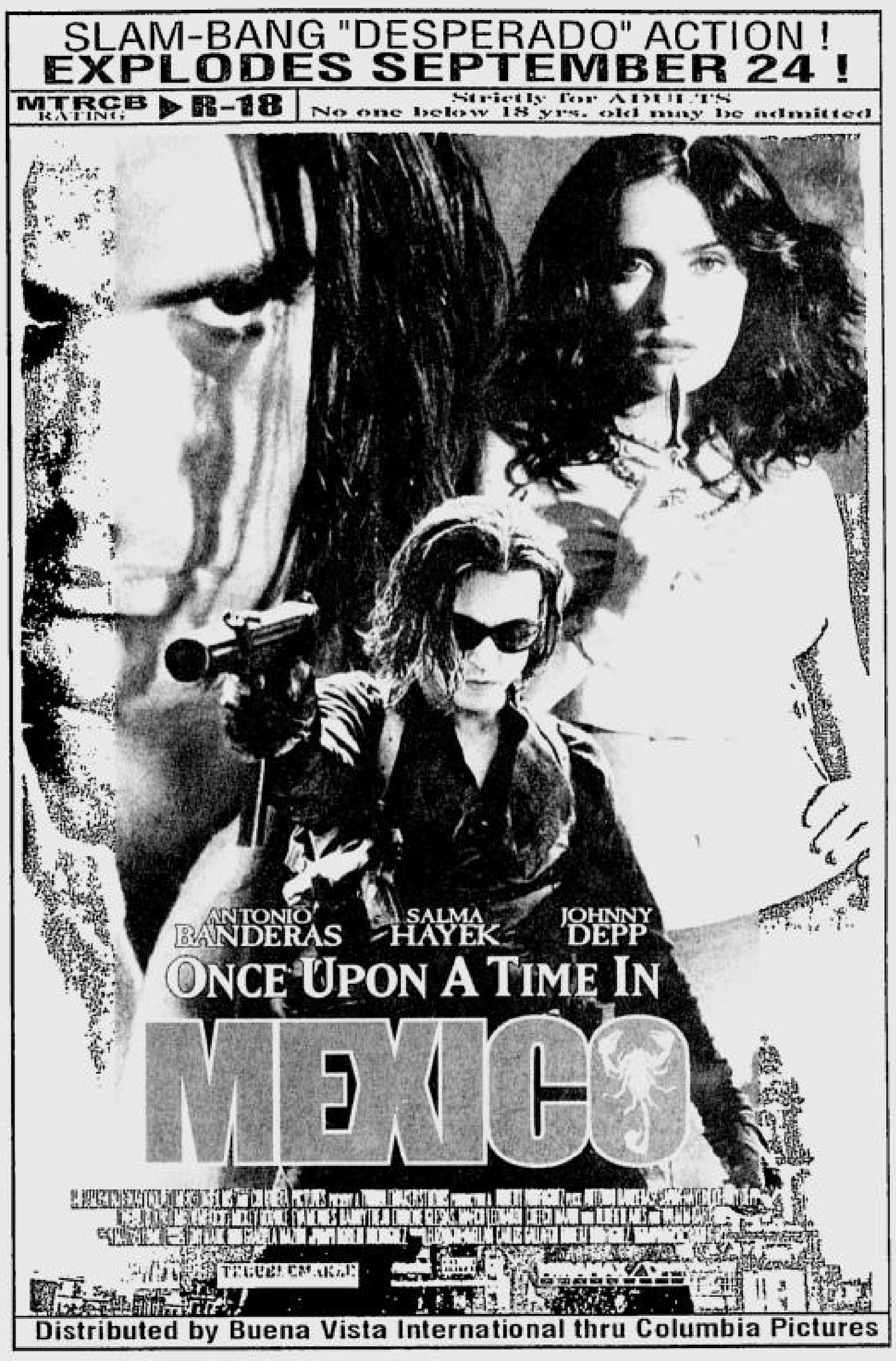
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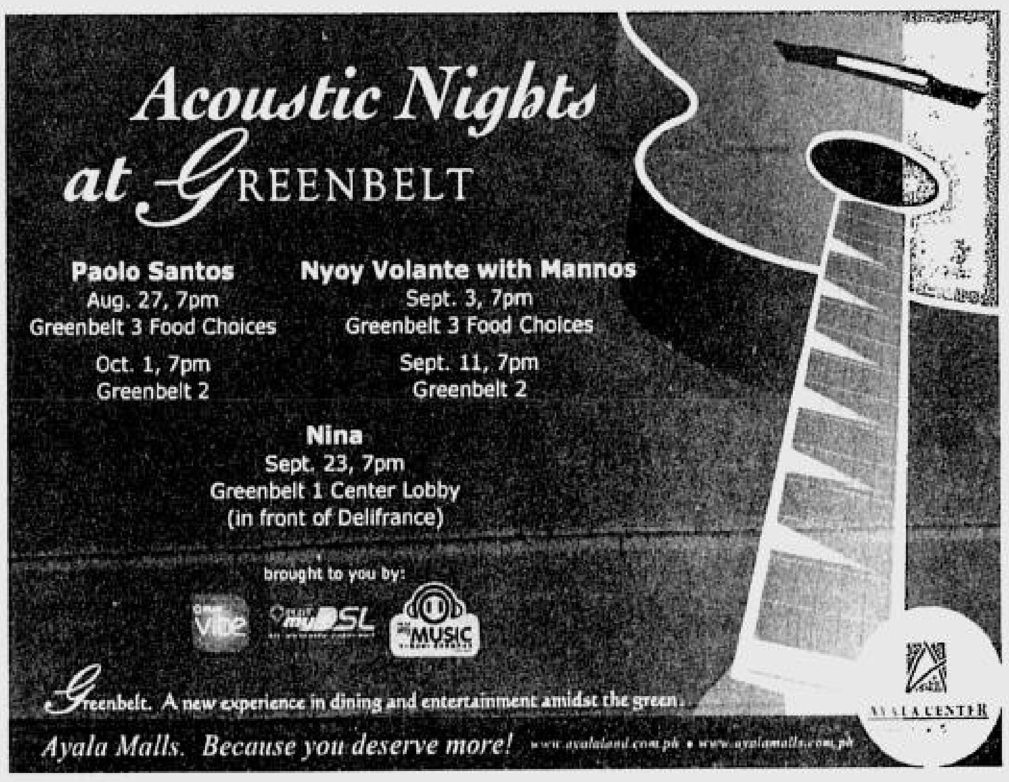
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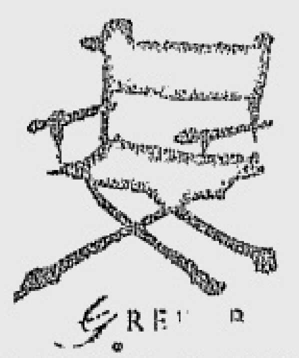

Regarding show biz

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

AMAZING the snobberies in these parts. I knew it then, but since becoming editor of Yes! magazine three years ago, I've had an even greater fill of it.

It constantly astounds me, for instance, how middle-class types with English that leaves me dizzy love to make fun of the English of movie stars. Stars speak in English often because the questions posed to them, incidentally by television interviewers with agonizing English themselves, happen to be in that language. Otherwise, only a very few stars go around willingly beating themselves with a tongue that can make any Pinoy jaw lock.

But, believe it, there are stars in show biz with a command of English, both of idiom and diction, that can put these middle-class types to shame any old day. And more than just speaking it well, they also write—suavely, smartly, saucily—in that language.

Sharon, Kris, and **Lucy** are just three names that come to mind. You don't *ever* want to be snobbish around these three. Sharon finishes seriously thick books you can't even pronounce, is simply fluid in speech, and, as her many notes to everybody proves, is one hell of a communicator. Kris is just so quick verbally, she'll leave you witless, even as her columns clearly reek with verve and smarts. And Lucy is one lady who can make herself comprehend anything—from angst to activism to antiques—that's put on the table, as many dinners with her have shown, and, like Kris, writes columns that are an editor's dream.

What's more, these women make all this look easy—while all these snickering types are stuck wondering how these women can be so good-looking at the same time!

I've never understood why it doesn't occur to these middle-class types that it is they who got stuck in college yet never learned to speak, much less write, English with any smoothness. Yet they expect movie stars—many of whom were too talented or too poor to stay beyond high school—to be proficient in the thing. How smart is that?

In many yuppie circles, I feel there's the same bias. They host all these big and small dinner parties where they always—and I mean always—make the latest show biz buzz part of the meal. Not even: Why does film censorship cause low-audience turnout? Or: Is movie production headed toward large-scale ownership by TV stations? (Too deep.) It's: Who's dating whom, where, since when, really? And: Are you sure she's the first wife? (Within their range.)

I almost suspect that in these dinners there are so many undercurrents—two are into forbidden love, one's family business is floundering, they're backing different presidents for 2004—that the only time tension disappears is when they talk show biz. More accurately, that's the only time they all perk up. In which case, they ought to be thanking, and not scoffing at, the stars.

I even know business types who don't read much beyond bestsellers and made-for-movie books, but who actually raise their brows when a star says on TV that she writes some poetry when lonely. If poetry is the language of the soul, who better to write it than a star who's been battered, betrayed, and bullied?

If **Klaudia Koronel** ever took it up, I'd never think to ask why. This is a woman who grew up in a squatter's area, had a father who lashed at her with a belt whose buckle knocked her teeth off, and gave her all to an industry that's left her high and dry after she'd given it her best ("Tuhog," "Live Show," "Hubad sa Ilalim ng Buwan"). Klaudia need not even invent a soul. Last I heard, she's turned to computer-designing her own calling cards and Hallmark-type greeting cards when in need of diversion, which is certainly more creative than yuppies turning to gossip.

THEY speak and write well, in English: (from left) Sharon Cuneta, Lucy Torres-Gomez and Kris Aquino PHOTOS COURTESY OF YES! MAGAZINE

Now that word *gossip*.

Why is it that all these people who like to appear intelligent or dedicated or intense treat show biz like it were something they shouldn't be caught liking? I see them put on a tolerant smile, like they were simply indulging you, while making a big show of their focus remaining on the nation's problems.

I could grant that, sure. I do have friends who know nothing about show biz and are sincerely content with their state of ignorance. But there are types who make a big show of not being interested, yet always segue to: What's the *tsismis*?

And, mind, they cock their ears to hear.

Oh please, spare me.

Now comes a variation of that snobbery. This one I just picked up from an OP-ED columnist (not from the INQUIRER) who's suggested that the thing to blame for **Jose Pidal** being taken up in the Senate is show biz! Say what? He says that when show biz people got into politics, they brought with them their culture of gossip, and thus the Jose Pidal stories, even with little substantiation, made their way in too.

Heavy.

Of course, the columnist has to be a government apologist. But I always thought even those types try for some measure of intelligence, just so they offend only those government has already offended. Now I see they don't mind expanding their base.

I've seen politics and I've seen show biz. And let me tell you, while I will not vote for anyone in show biz who has not served from bottom up, I dare say that show biz types come from a gentler, happier, lovelier society. They may be cantankerous on air, keep their enemies miserable at parties, and now and then embarrass the truly civilized.

But, hey, they don't do anything so murderous as Kuratong Baleleng and they certainly aren't responsible for this Jose Pidal.

Send feedback to joann.maglipon@summitmedia.com.ph

KLAUDIA KORONEL gave her all.

ABS WRITES

'With or without Korina'

THIS is in reference to Ms Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon's column, entitled "Missing the truth" (Sept. 14).

We appreciate Ms Maglipon's insights and criticisms on "TV Patrol's" report of two incidents. We believe that such constructive criticisms are the kind of feedback we need and could use to keep us always on our toes and perform even better.

Ms Maglipon's boldness and courage to analyze broadcast practices also provides an opportunity to create a system of checks and balances in the media.

However, please allow us to assure the public of the efforts that "TV Patrol" correspondents and crew put into their work to ensure the integrity and fairness of their reportage of important and sensitive events.

ABS-CBN maintains that with or without the presence of Ms Korina Sanchez on the May 22 telecast of "TV Patrol," which reported on the young girl who allegedly committed suicide in Quezon City, "TV Patrol" would have still aired the news story, confident as we are of the absolute absence of malice on the part of our correspondent in reporting the facts of the case as provided by the police investigator.

We would also like to assure the public and Ms Maglipon that as a matter of policy, "TV Patrol" would have aired the complaint of the victim's family if only the attention of ABS-CBN had been immediately called.

In the case of Mr. Erwin Tulfo's remarks, allow us to state that he uttered those words with the best intentions to prevent further unnecessary deaths under similar circumstances.

"TV Patrol," along with other programs under ABS-CBN News and Current Affairs, always treats its news coverage with the utmost sensitivity and balance.

I am sure you will agree with us that "TV Patrol" would not have stayed on air for the past 16 years if it has not adhered to the highest ethical standards in broadcast journalism.

The network is also a proud member of the Kapisanan ng mga Broadcaster ng Pilipinas that regulates and monitors broadcasting practices.

Once again, we express our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the victims of the two incidents. We remain in the Service of the Filipino.

Sincerely,

Maloli Espinosa-Manalastas
Vice president for government, corporate affairs and public relations, ABS-CBN

Martin Nievera website launched

AN EVENT called "Virtual Madness" last Sept. 17 launched starsurfs.com, a web portal dedicated to celebrities.

The launch was held at the NBC Tent, and was led by concert king Martin Nievera. Guests included big names in the IT industry as well as media people who chatted with Martin online by logging on to his website, martinnievera.com.ph.

Also present during the launch were officials of starsurfs.com led by president Larry Ng and VP for marketing Susana Ng.

starsurfs.com aims to allow Filipinos around the world to be updated on what's happening to their favorite Pinoy stars.

Says Larry Ng, "Celebrities play a big factor in our youth. And because of our high student population base, we should be careful in choosing the celebrities we will feature in starsurfs.com. They should be worth emulating not only by the younger people but by everyone else who will be logging on to the website."

Other celebrities who will soon have their websites in starsurfs.com are Pops Fernandez, Ogie Alcasid and many others.

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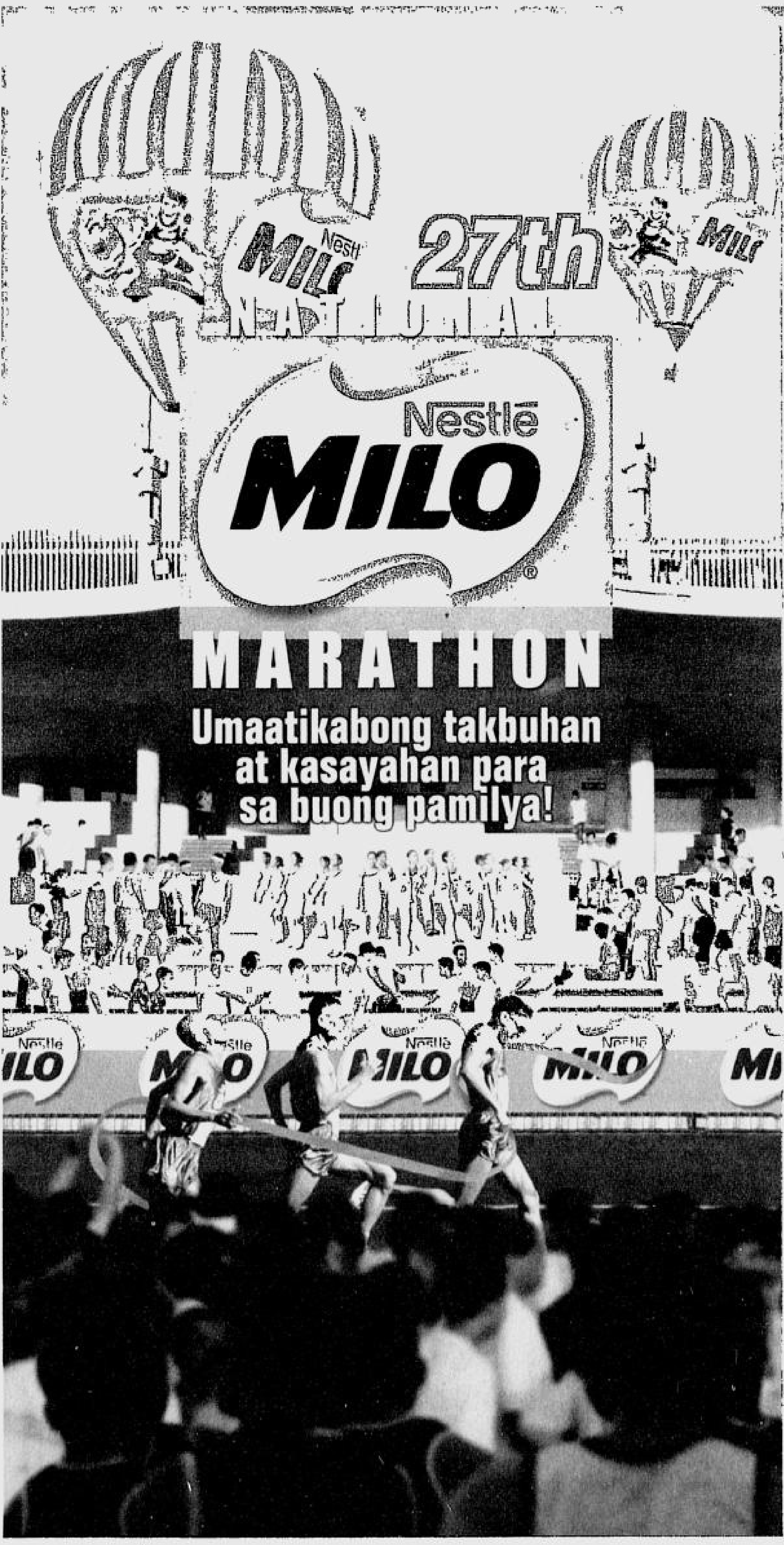

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The questions are not about quantum physics or similar subjects, but on "more pressing issues," such as "*Bakit ang* corned beef *walang* corn?" Or, "*Bakit ang buhok sa ulo humahaba, ang sa kilay hindi*?" Or even, "Bakit adidas ang tawag sa paa ng manok?"

I FM 93.9's "Bakit May Tanong?" tries to bring out the best in Pinoy humor and wit. When a DJ asked the question, "*Bakit* brown sugar *ang tawag sa asukal na pula*?" one listener quipped, "Color blindness. *Kaya nga ang tawag sa* egg yolk *ay pula ng itlog kahit dilaw*."

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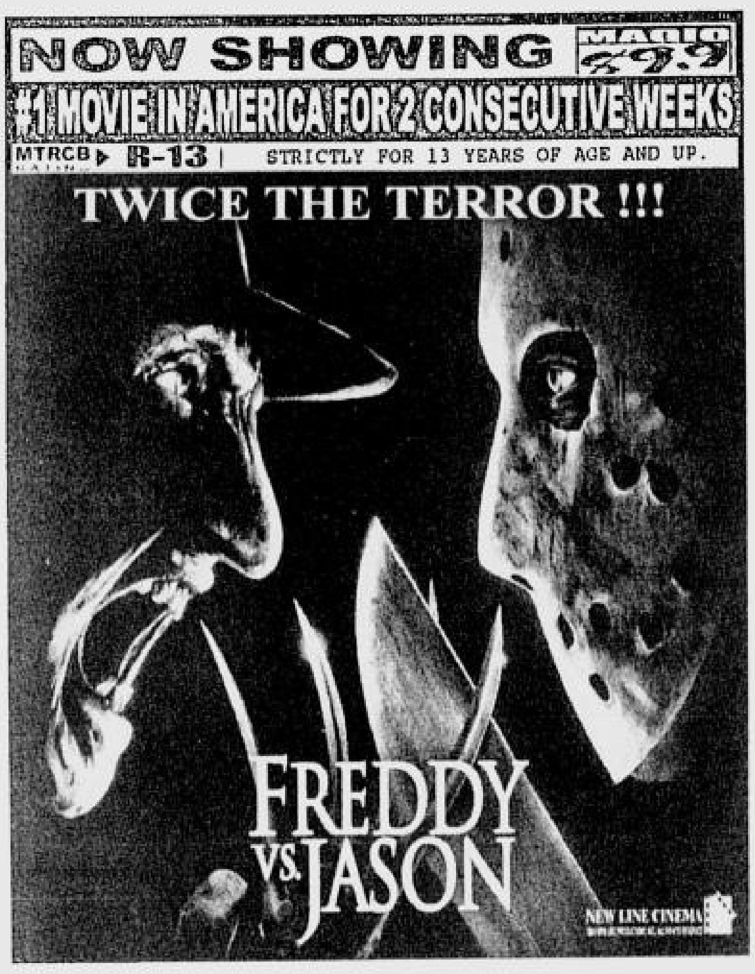
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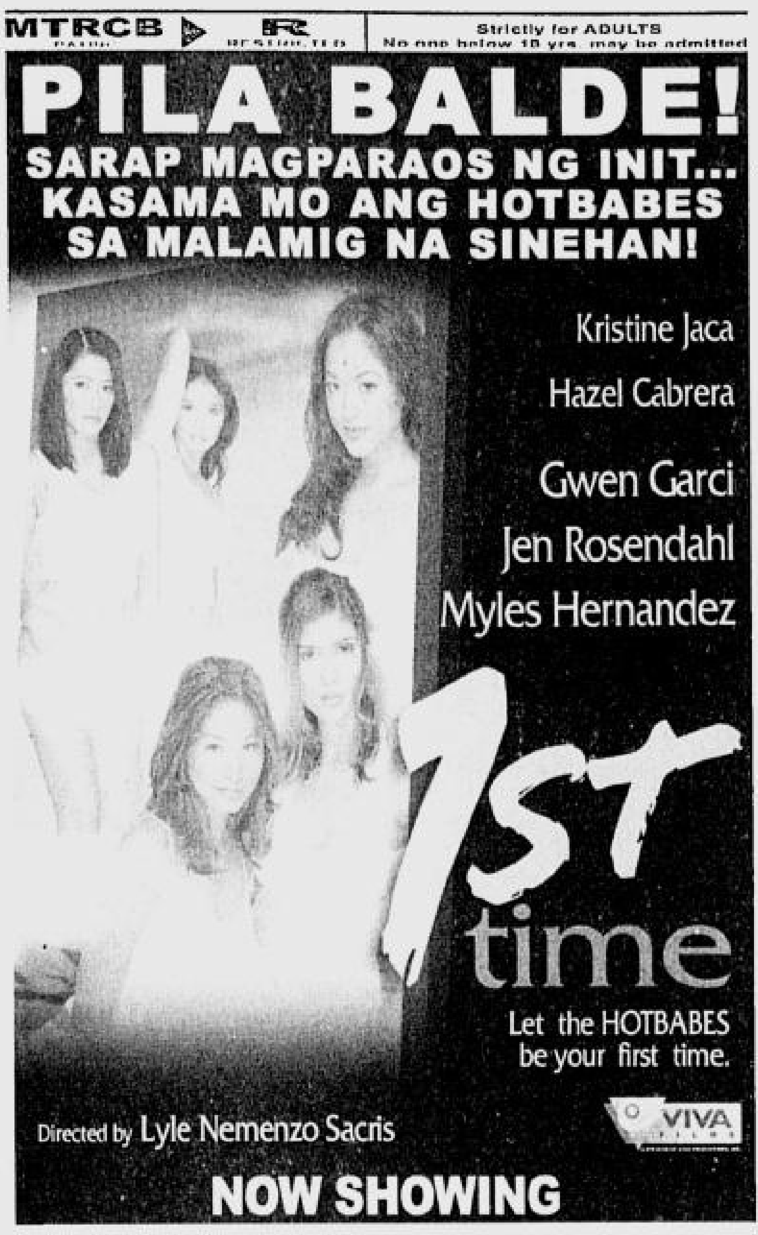
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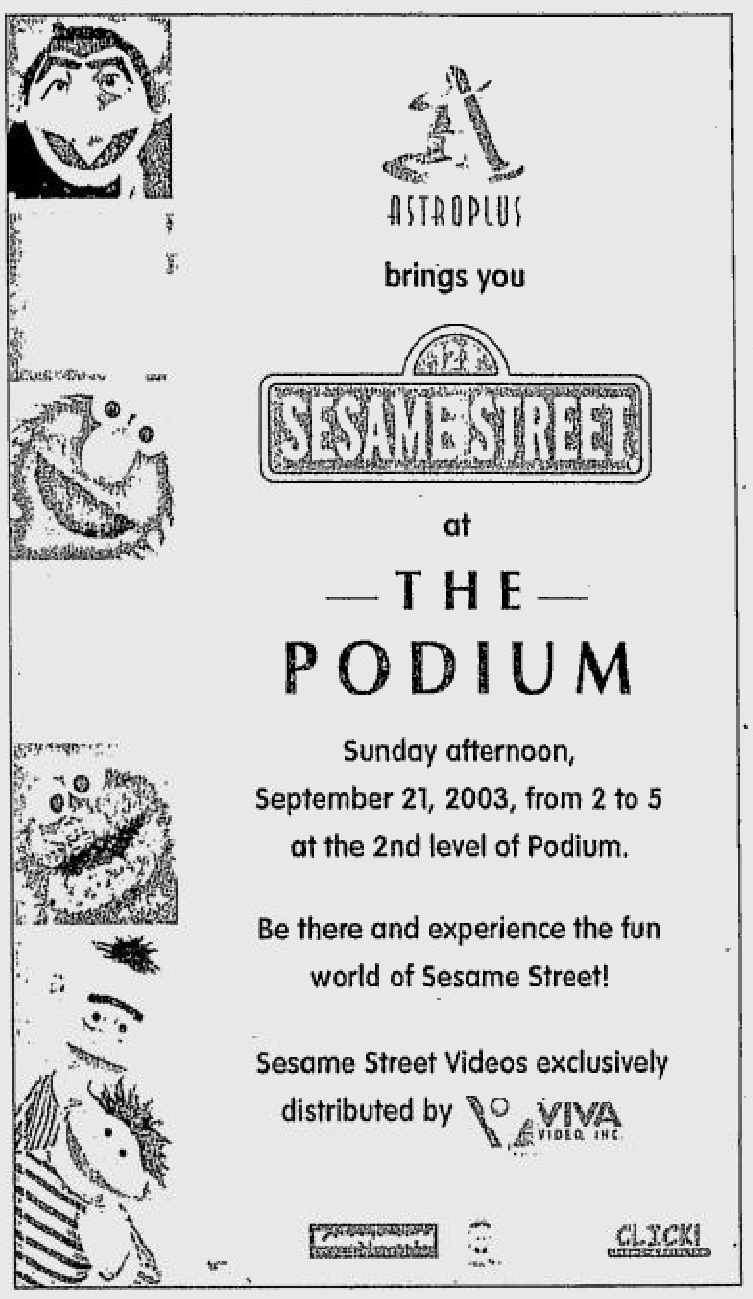

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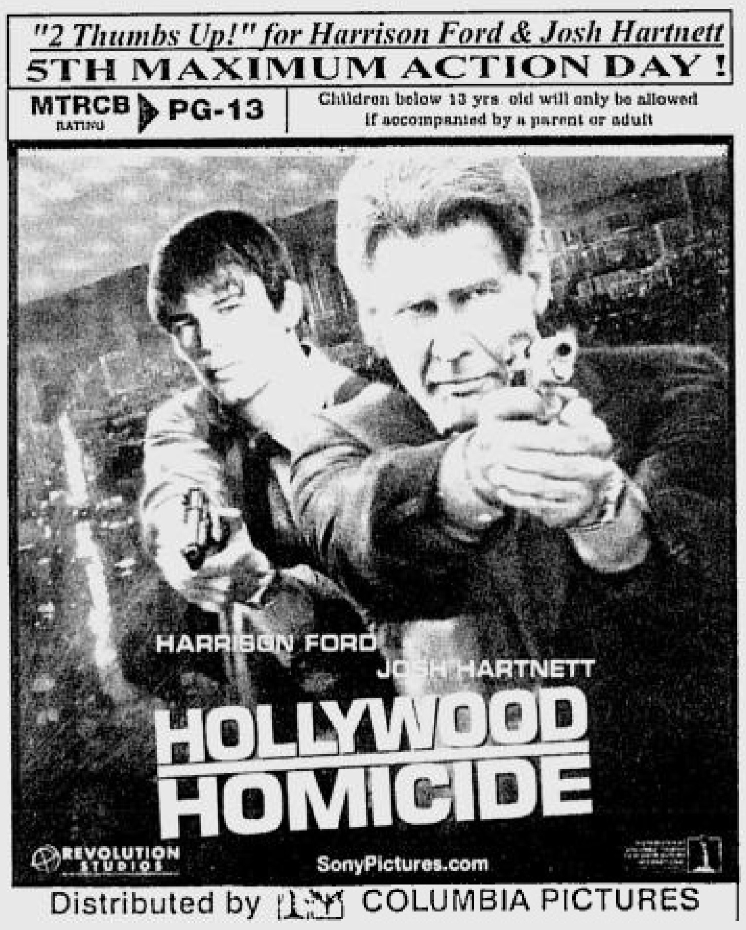
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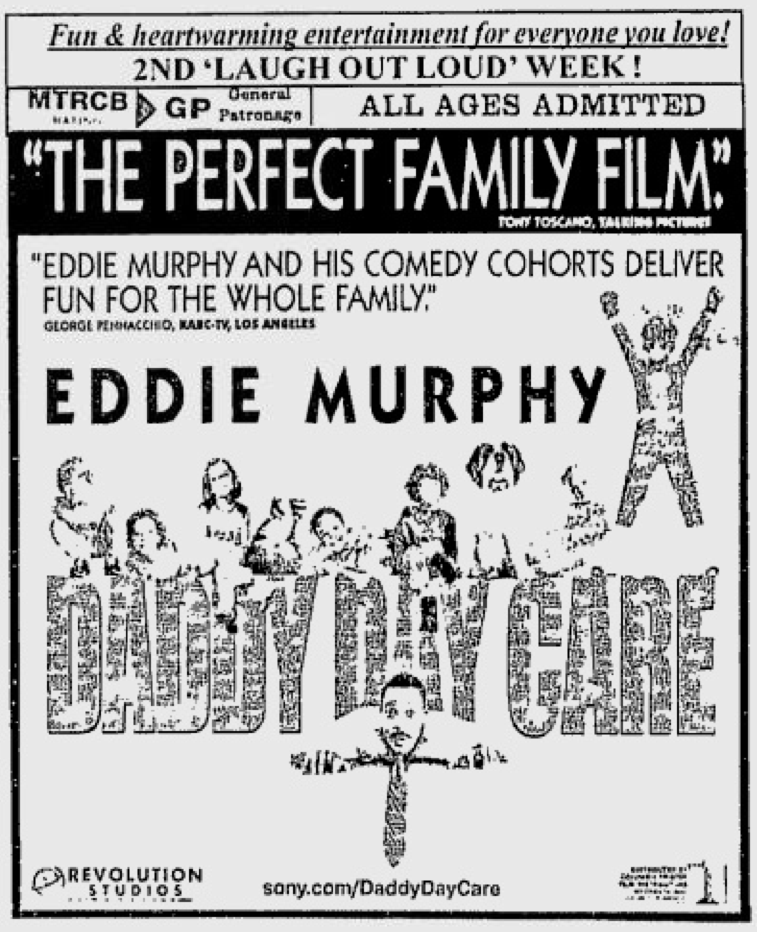
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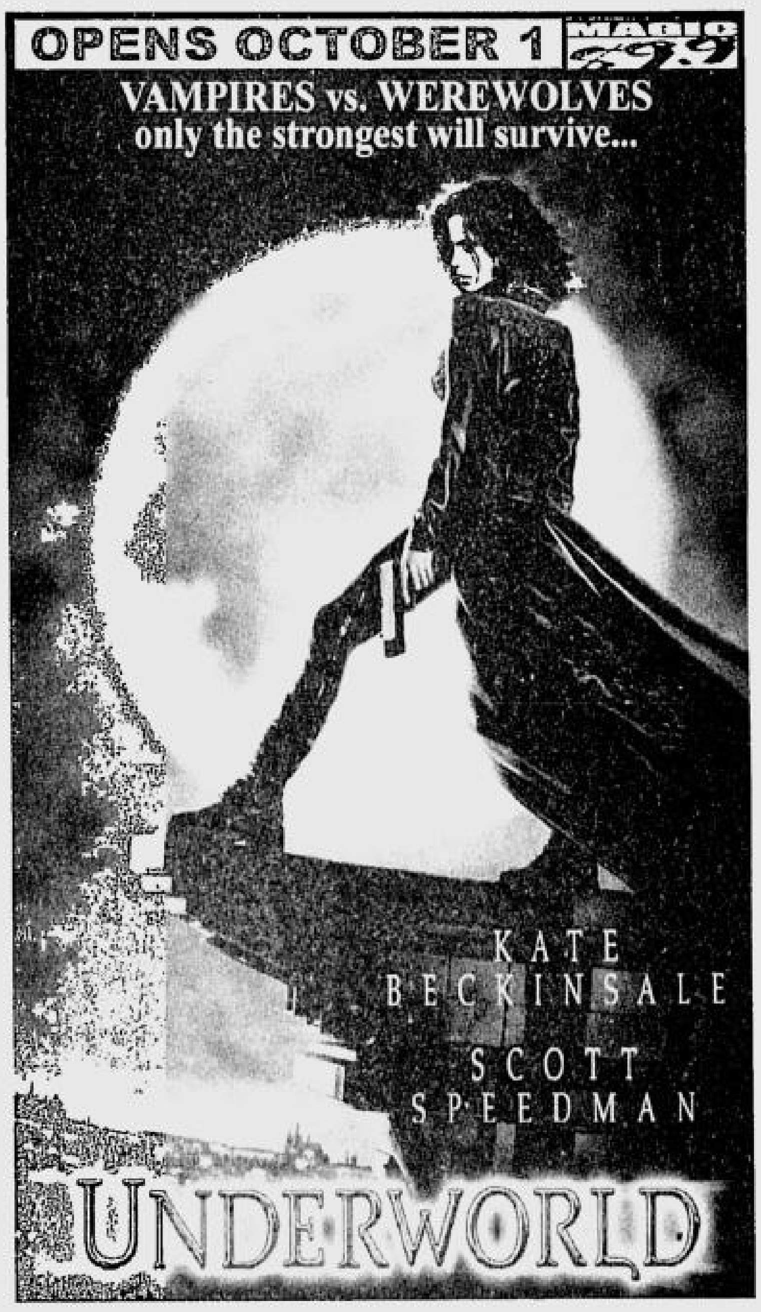
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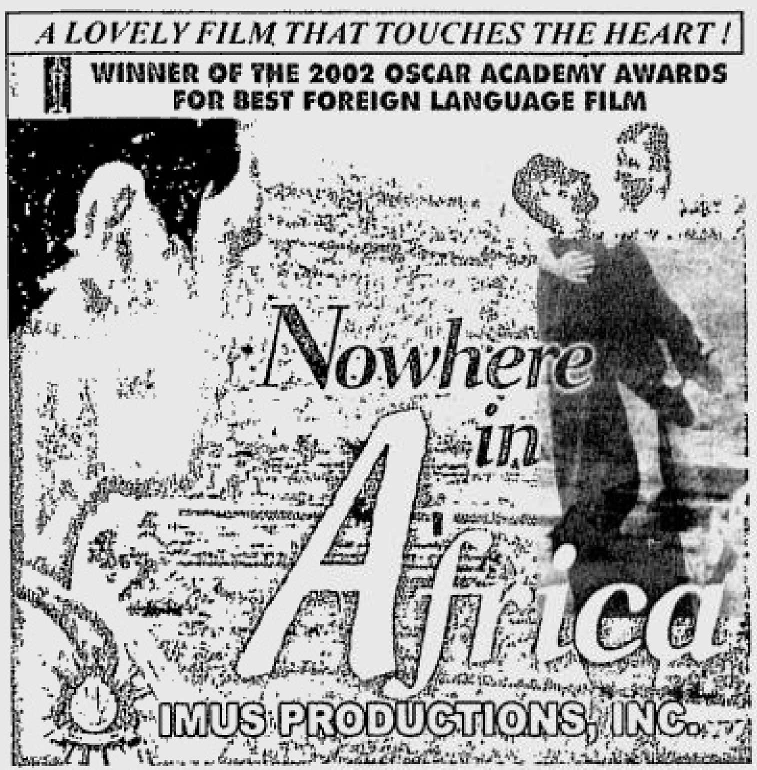
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UNFOUNDED FEARS. Joey with "Utang" costar Jinggoy

Joey: I can win . . .

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"I've never had any real quarrels with him," he added. "It is our supporters who fight, not us."

In May 2001, Alma's brother Freddie Lacsamana was stabbed when he tried to shield her during a confrontation between the supporters of Marquez and Olivarez. Reports then had said Marquez supporters were celebrating his poll victory when supporters of Olivarez taunted them. The face-off turned into a riot, during which Lacsamana and an Olivarez supporter were stabbed.

Unlike Joey who this early has declared his intention to seek a seat in Congress, Jinggoy, his "Utang ng Ama" costar, is keeping his cards close to his chest.

"There's still enough time for him to decide," Joey said of Jinggoy, son of deposed President Joseph Estrada. "I guess for now, he enjoys making people laugh, like me."

In "Utang ng Ama," Joey and Jinggoy play the best of friends, just like their fathers, played by Philip Salvador and Rudy Fernandez, respectively. When the characters of Philip and Rudy die, their sons discover that Rudy owed Philip a big amount of money. The sons' misadventure begins when Jinggoy is forced to work as Joey's personal assistant to pay for the debt.

"Working with Jinggoy was fun and exciting," said Joey. "He is full surprises. I had apprehensions when I was first told that I would be working with Jinggoy because Richard Gomez is my friend. But the incident never figured in our conversations."

The brawl between Richard and Jinggoy during the Star Olympics last June prompted Richard to file physical injury charges against Jinggoy. The case was settled out of court in August.

"We don't talk about it," said Joey of that incident, in which Jinggoy had slapped Richard in the nape during a basketball game. "Their fight has nothing to do with the movie."

"Utang ng Ama," from Maverick Films, also stars Katya Santos. It opens in theaters starting Oct. 22. Tony Reyes directs.

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AdBoard to tackle GMA 7 pullout from KBP

By Abigail L. Ho

FOLLOWING the resignation of GMA Network Inc. from the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas, the Advertising Board of the Philippines (AdBoard) said it would discuss what led to the withdrawal.

"Rest assured that the concerns raised by the network would be taken up by the AdBoard," said Association of Accredited Advertising Agencies-Philippines (4As) chair March Ventosa.

After discussing GMA's concerns, Ventosa said the AdBoard would make appropriate recommendations to its Trade Practices and Conduct Committee (TPCC).

GMA, the country's second largest broadcasting network, withdrew its membership from the KBP last Sept. 1, citing issues concerning the organization's "thrusts and actions."

GMA president and chief executive Felipe Gozon said during a dinner with advertisers and ad agencies last week that these actions were, in particular, those that involved the suspension of the network's KBP membership privileges for a year after an incident involving TV host Rosanna Roces as well as the show-cause order given GMA for alleged commercial overloading.

Roces, a GMA talent, went under fire for alleged violations of the TV Code in 1999 and 2003 when she allegedly committed acts and said things that should not have been shown on nationwide TV.

While the KBP quickly sanctioned GMA by way of a one-year suspension of KBP privileges, the broadcast organization did not do the same thing to GMA's rival network, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. when one of its talents committed a similar act.

"Yet the admitted and published violations of the same TV Code by Willie Revillame and other talents of ABS were not even investigated by the KBP," Gozon noted. "It is not necessary for anyone to file a complaint with the KBP before it could investigate violations of the TV Code."

The KBP also gave GMA a show-cause order for its alleged overloading of commercials in the last week of June.

Overloading refers to having more than 18 minutes' worth of advertisements in one hour.

Gozon said the KBP seemed to have favored ABS-CBN when no show-cause order was given the Lopez-owned network despite its alleged overloading during its high-rating programs.

"For almost 10 years when ABS had no effective competition and when ABS was overloading its high-rating programs, the KBP did not enforce the no-overloading rule," Gozon said. "I was informed that the rule was enforced only twice in 10 years against ABS and it was even doubtful if ABS paid the fine."

Gozon also noted KBP's intervention when GMA news anchor Mike Enriquez aired his complaints over radio against Lopez-owned cable firm SkyCable's distortion of GMA's signal on its system, and a lost videotape containing evidence that the cable firm had violated the rule on soliciting ads for cable TV.

"The recent position taken by the KBP concerning our withdrawal would indicate that the present KBP is being too regulatory and power-conscious," he said. "As far as KBP is concerned, GMA cannot withdraw from the KBP until after the pending cases of GMA are completed. In our view, this is neither legally correct nor enforceable."

But GMA maintained it was still open to reconciliation.

GMA marketing president and chief operating officer Manuel Quiogue said, "It is important that our grievances are taken into consideration and properly addressed so that the advertisers know that something is being done.

"We hope the advertisers hear our side and understand where we are coming from and what led to this decision," he added.

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Manuel L. Quezon and his uncommon wealth

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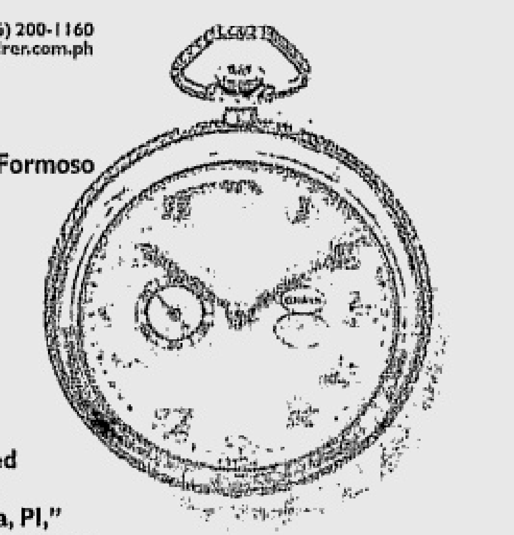

TO BE AUCTIONED OFF BY SOTHEBY'S ARE STERLING SILVER MINIATURE CLOCK AND THREE GOLD POCKET WATCHES, CIRCA 1940
The miniature clock (top left) designed as an envelope addressed to "Manuel Quezon, Jr., Malacañan Palace, Manila, PI," with an American stamp and Beverly Hills, CA Jan. 5, 1939 postmark, retractable case; one pocket watch case (leftmost) housing a white dial with blued-steel hands and baton markers, with seconds aperture, Swiss, mechanical movement, mounted in 18-karat gold, Chronometer Juvenia; one (right) housing a cream dial, gold hands, Arabic numerals, seconds aperture, the caseback designed with geometric patterns, Swiss, mechanical movement, mounted in 10-karat gold, 8 days; the third (left) housing a glass dial and caseback, blued-steel hands, Arabic numerals, Swiss, mechanical movement, mounted in 14-karat gold, Juvenia 17 Jewels

(MORE PHOTOS ON D2)

ONE of the most intriguing things in life is how fate works in mysterious ways. This isn't about the dress at the right price for 90 percent off in your size that you've been tracking for 20 seasons. Let's say it's more about who you meet when and what happens later. It's not about landing the guy of your dreams either but in the case of the late former president Manuel Luis Molina Quezon (1878-1944), it is about meeting Mr. Right-for-your-career.

At the then posh Philippine Army and Navy Club and on his first assignment out of West Point, Lt. Douglas MacArthur met Filipino *mestizo* lawyer Manuel L. Quezon through Capt. James J. Harbord, then head of the Philippine Constabulary. Sergio Osmeña was also with that party. It was with Quezon, however, that MacArthur developed strong relations that would be very important to both their careers.

In 1929, Quezon unsuccessfully lobbied for MacArthur to be named governor of the Philippines. However, a year later, MacArthur was appointed to a more important position—United States Army Chief of Staff. During the general's tenure, Quezon lobbied Washington for independence and succeeded with the passing of the Tydings-McDuffie Act in 1934 that established the Philippines as a commonwealth until 1946 when the country would be granted independence.

Barely a year into signing the Tydings-McDuffie Act, Quezon, now the first president of the Commonwealth (1938-1944), faced aggression from Japan and called on his old friend who was unpopular in the Roosevelt administration. By 1938, the strong friendship turned sour with Quezon losing faith in MacArthur. In 1941 both men were forced to renew their friendship out of necessity with the impending Second World War.

Quezon later headed a Philippine government-in-exile in the US for two years but died of tuberculosis in 1944 without seeing his labor come to fruition.

Sartorial Quezon

One wonders about Quezon's sartorial taste during his six-year tenure as first President of the Commonwealth. When did he wear stick pins on his lapels or what held his *pince-nez* when he peered through them to read important documents? Sotheby's is auctioning eight lots of the former president's paraphernalia such as jewelry, clocks, pen knives, pens and miscellaneous items in its Magnificent Jewels and Jadeite sale in Hong Kong on Oct. 27.

Exhibition will be at the Island Shangri-La in Pacific Place Oct. 23-26. The Quezon sale has lots consisting of several items priced from $500 to $16,000 per lot.

Clearly, Quezon was a smoker as there are five gold cigarette cases on the block. One of them is a monogrammed 14-karat gold case with the engraving "To His Excellency Manuel L. Quezon A modest Token of the Loyal Support of the Provincial Governors August 19, 1938." The case is numbered and comes from the famous San Francisco jeweler Shreve and Co., a 150-year-old company whose credit includes gifts from American presidents to foreign dignitaries, tokens for the founding of the United Nations and the state of California's gift to Queen Elizabeth II on her coronation.

Isn't it interesting that in those days they gave cigarette cases and these days they hand you an envelope of cash or, better still, a telegraphic transfer into a bank account under a different name?

One of the highlights of these eight lots is a 1920s ruby-and-diamond pocket watch from Tiffany's signed and numbered in New York, given to the former president for his 48th birthday on Aug. 19, 1926.

Another truly historical piece is a sterling silver miniature clock, circa 1940, in a retractable case designed like an envelope and addressed to "Manuel Quezon Jr., Malacanan Palace Manila P.I." It is also detailed with an American stamp and a Beverly Hills CA. Jan. 5, 1939 postmark. The clock has a square white dial, Roman numerals, blued-steel hand and mechanical movement. This charmingly realistic model of a small envelope commemorates the first flight by Pan America from the United States to Manila.

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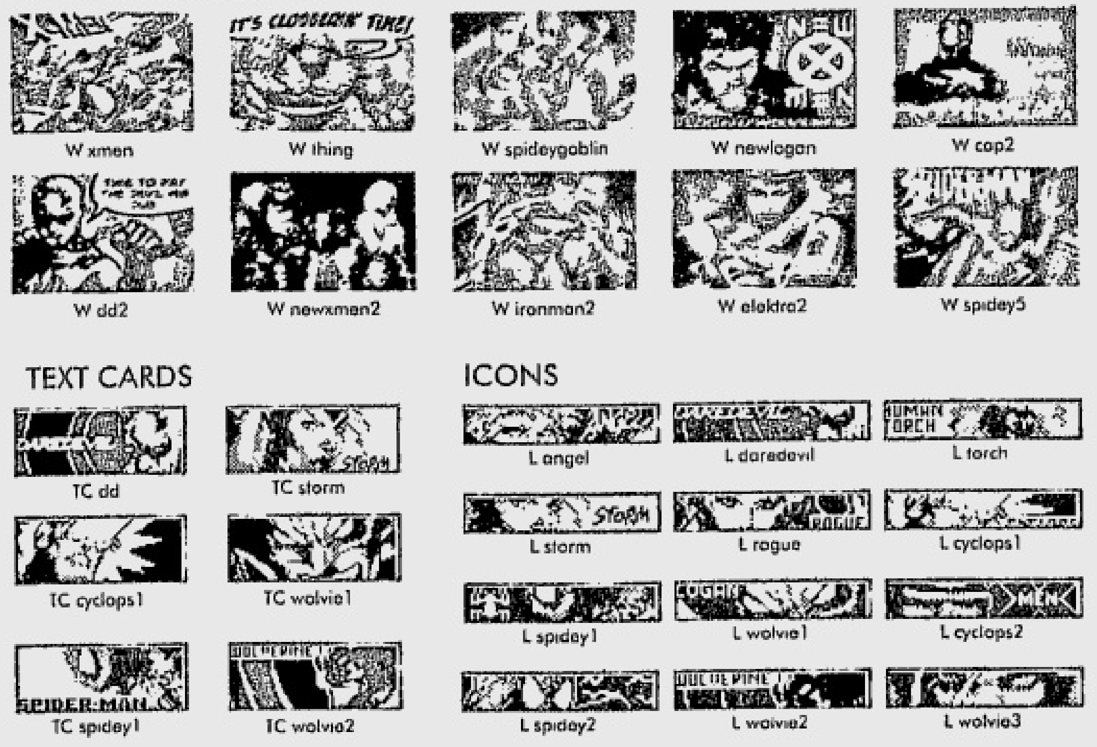

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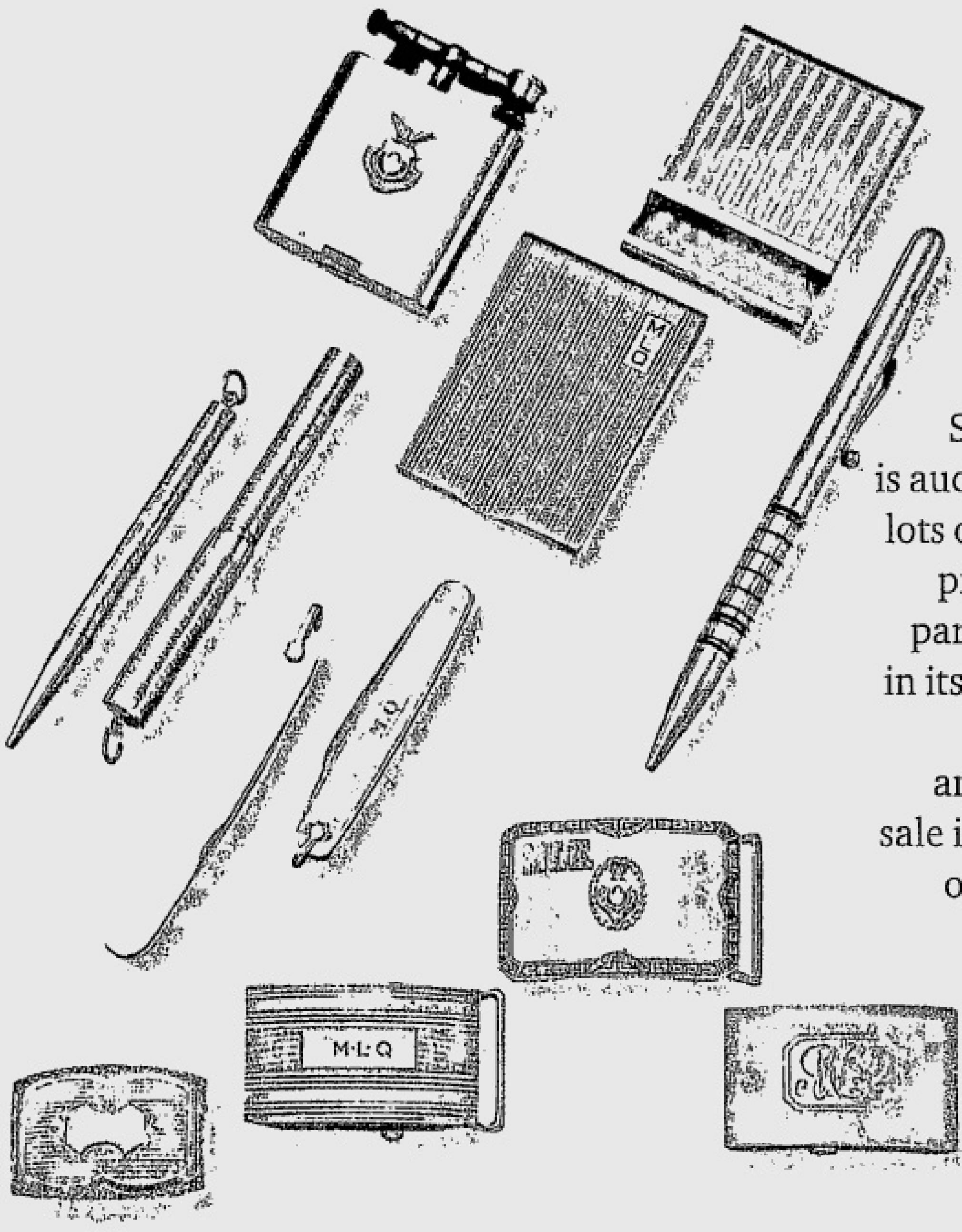

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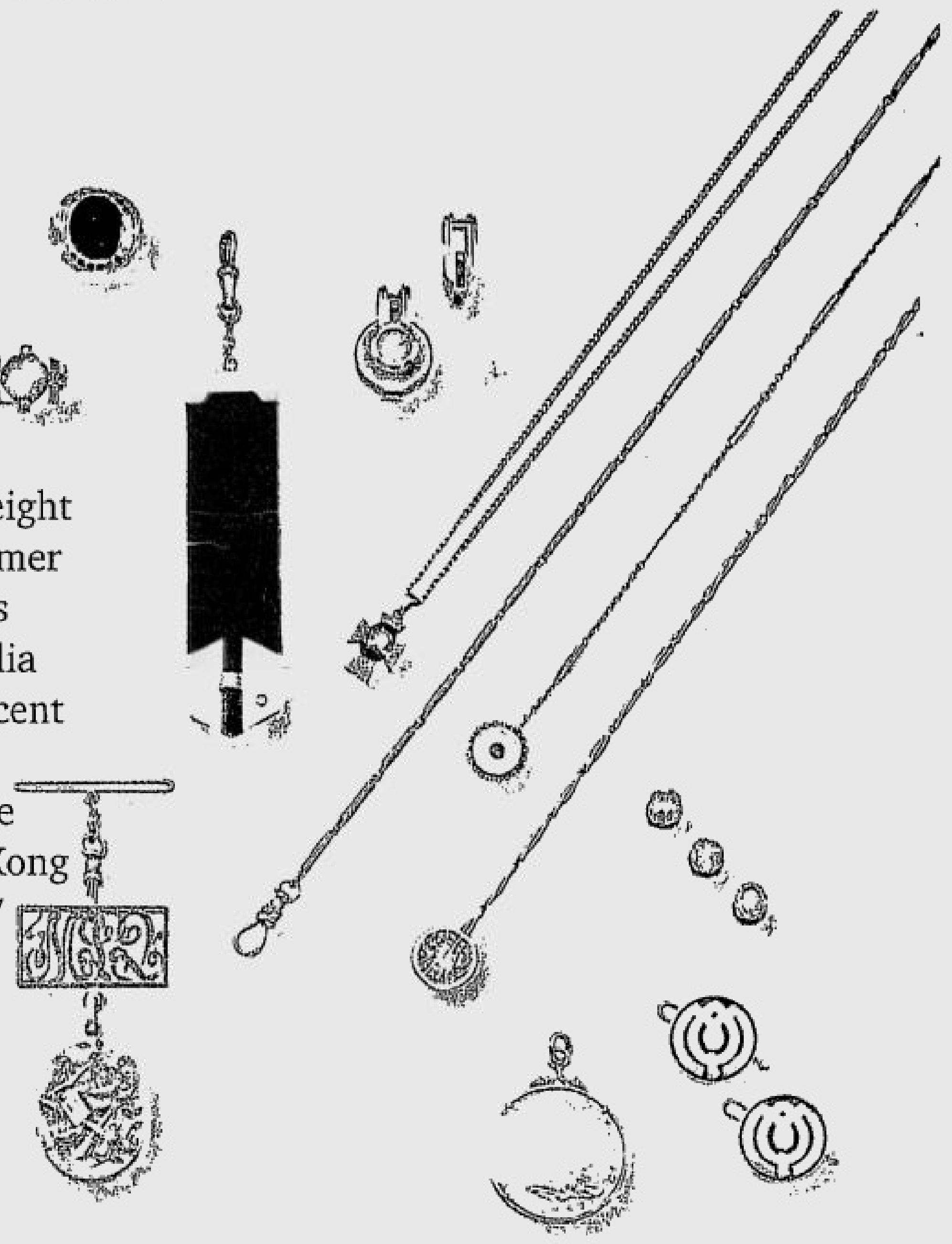
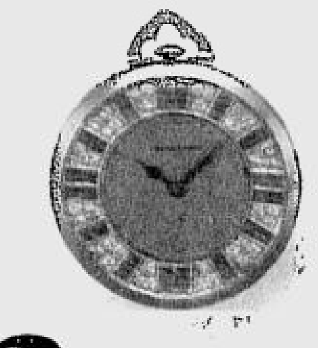


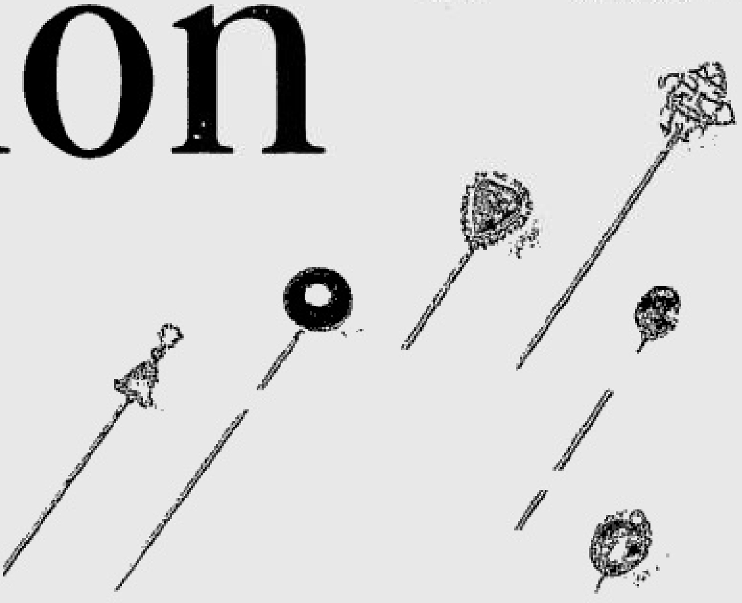
A GROUP OF GENTLEMAN'S ACCESSORIES, CIRCA 1940
Comprising three 14-karat gold belt-buckles, two of which are monogrammed; one monogrammed 14-karat gold refillable pencil; one monogrammed 14-karat gold fountain pen; one monogrammed 14-karat gold pen knife; one monogrammed 18-karat gold pen knife; two monogrammed 14-karat gold match box holders; a 1936 14-karat gold lighter with the Philippines' Presidential crest, signed Manuel L. Quezon; highlighted by one monogrammed diamond-set 14-karat gold belt buckle centering the Philippines' Presidential crest and one monogrammed 14-karat gold refillable pencil designed with a monthly calendar

A GROUP OF GENTLEMAN'S JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES, CIRCA 1940
Comprising a pair of ruby watch/cufflinks, mounted in 18-karat gold, with French assay mark; an 18-karat gold coin marked 1792; three monogrammed diamond-set studs, mounted in platinum; one diamond-set button mounted in 14-karat gold; one diamond-set gold locket lapel brooch with detachable pendant catch, opening up to a locket of hair; one gem-set gold "cross" pendant; four gold chains; miscellaneous findings; one platinum and one gold gem-set signet rings; and accompanied by items of accessories not illustrated

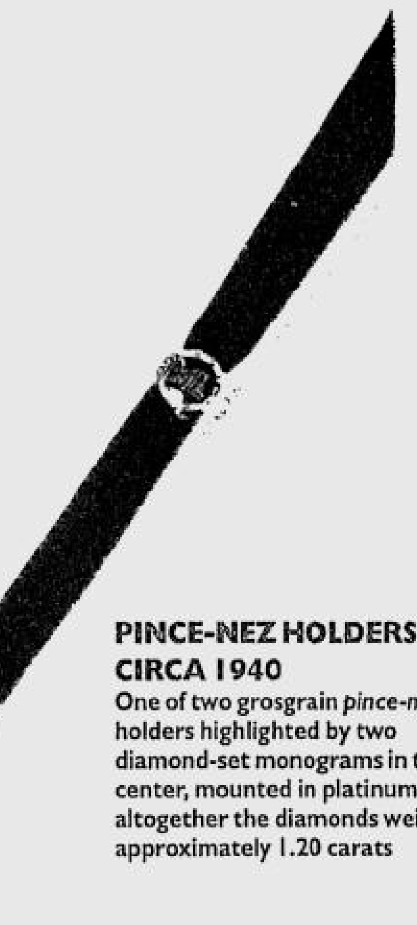
Manuel L. Quezon and his uncommon wealth



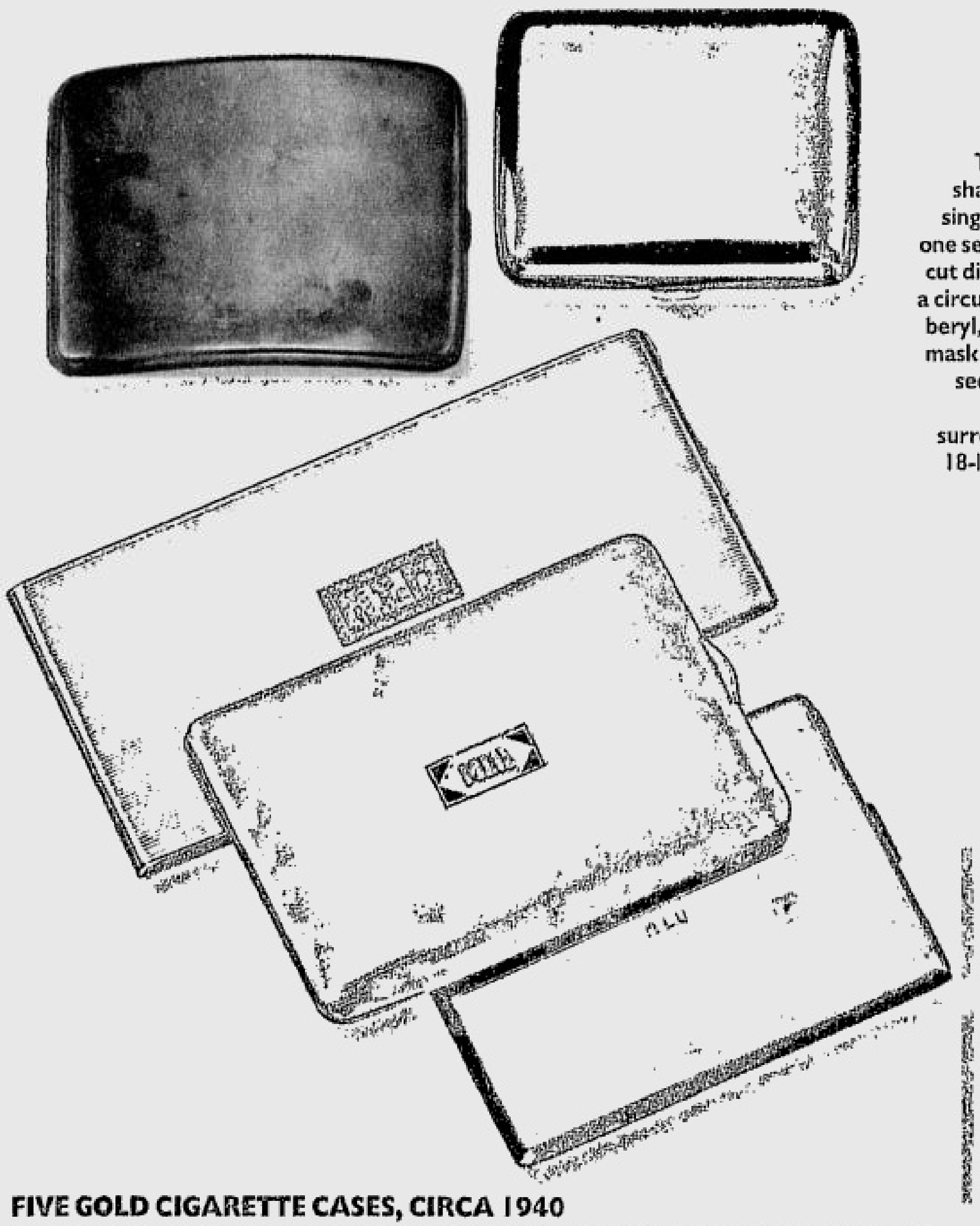
RUBY AND DIAMOND POCKET WATCH, CIRCA 1920, TIFFANY & CO.
The round case housing a silver colored dial, ruby-set numeral markers spaced by pavé-set diamonds, blued-steel hands, mechanical movement, mounted in platinum, accompanied by a link-chain, dial and movement signed Tiffany & Co., movement additionally signed New York numbered 19899. This Tiffany watch was presented to President Quezon on the occasion of his birthday on Aug. 19, 1926.



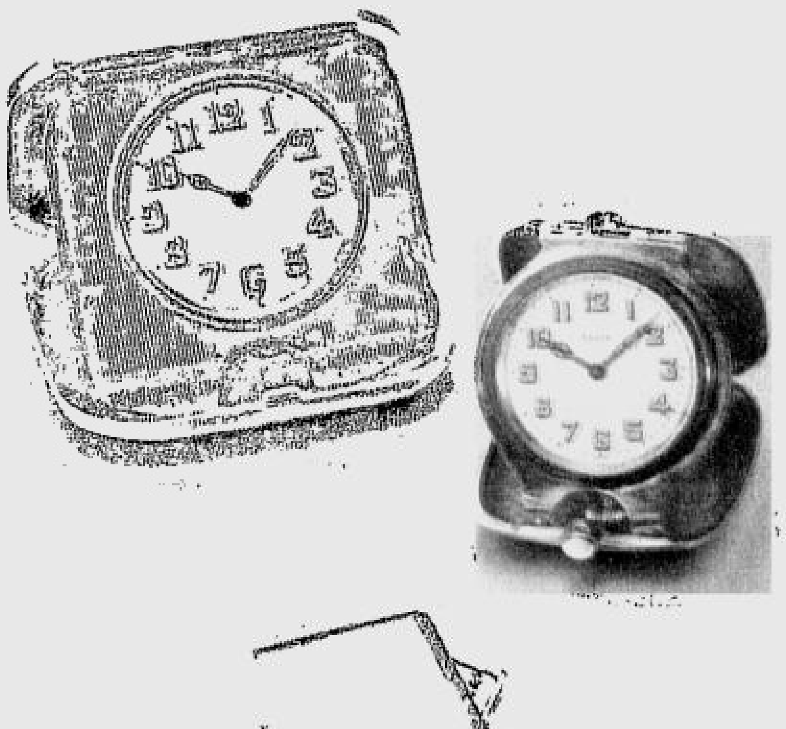
SIX STICK PINS, CIRCA 1940
The five gold stick pins: one set with an oval-shaped synthetic orange sapphire accented by single-cut diamonds, mounted in 14-karat gold; one set with black hardstone centering a circular-cut diamond, mounted in 14-karat gold; one with a circular-cut diamond suspending a fancy-shaped beryl, mounted in 9-karat gold; one designed as a mask highlighted by a circular-cut diamond and a seed pearl, mounted in 14-karat gold; and one with a modified pear-shaped synthetic ruby surrounded by single-cut diamonds, mounted in 18-karat gold; accompanied by a platinum stick pin set with an oval-shaped purple sapphire weighing approximately 3.50 carats



PINCE-NEZ HOLDERS, CIRCA 1940
One of two grosgrain *pince-nez* holders highlighted by two diamond-set monograms in the center, mounted in platinum; altogether the diamonds weigh approximately 1.20 carats



FIVE GOLD CIGARETTE CASES, CIRCA 1940
Two diamond-set monogrammed 14-karat gold cases together weighing approximately 1.20 carats, one signed Shreve & Co numbered 10582; one monogrammed 14-karat gold case, engraved "To His Excellency Manuel L. Quezon A modest Token of the Loyal Support of the Provincial Governors August 19, 1938;" one monogrammed 9-karat gold case; and one 10-karat gold smaller case



14-KARAT GOLD LOCKET AND TWO TRAVEL CLOCKS, CIRCA 1940
The monogrammed square-shaped locket opens up to two photo-shots of President Quezon's family, with a sapphire-enhanced catch; the two monogrammed clocks each house a white round color dial with Arabic numeral markers, blackened-steel hands, Swiss, mechanical movement, 8 Days: the larger clock face surrounded by floral engravings, dial marked Pat. May 6th. 1905. Feb. 2 1909, the clocks retractable into cases; all with 14-karat gold hallmarks, the smaller clock not in working order

Books and scholarships for poor kids

FIRST row, from left: Malu Erni, executive director of Petron Foundation; Baby Daylo-Perez and Corazon Daylo, dealers; Nicasio Alcantara, chairman and CEO; Willy Radan, sales director, retail trade. Back row, from left: Ziyad Al-Shiha, VP corporate planning and Petron Foundation trustee; Khalid Al-Faddagh, Petron Corp. and Petron Foundation president; and Jose Campos Jr., Petron Corp. VP marketing and Petron Foundation trustee

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ecutive director Malu Erni led the 30 Petron volunteers in the book distribution.

Bato-Balani donated most of the books and magazines, in addition to the award-winning story books provided by Petron Foundation.

The book-giving project coincided with the Celebrate Reading Campaign in Makati, which Petron Foundation supports, together with Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation. The event also formed part of the 70th-anniversary celebration of Petron Corporation.

A JEEPNEY driver gets his pack of books and magazines from Nicasio Alcantara, Petron's chairman and CEO.

THE SEX Bomb Dancers with Petron executives

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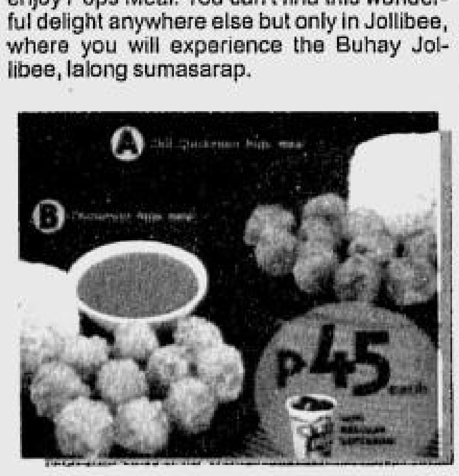

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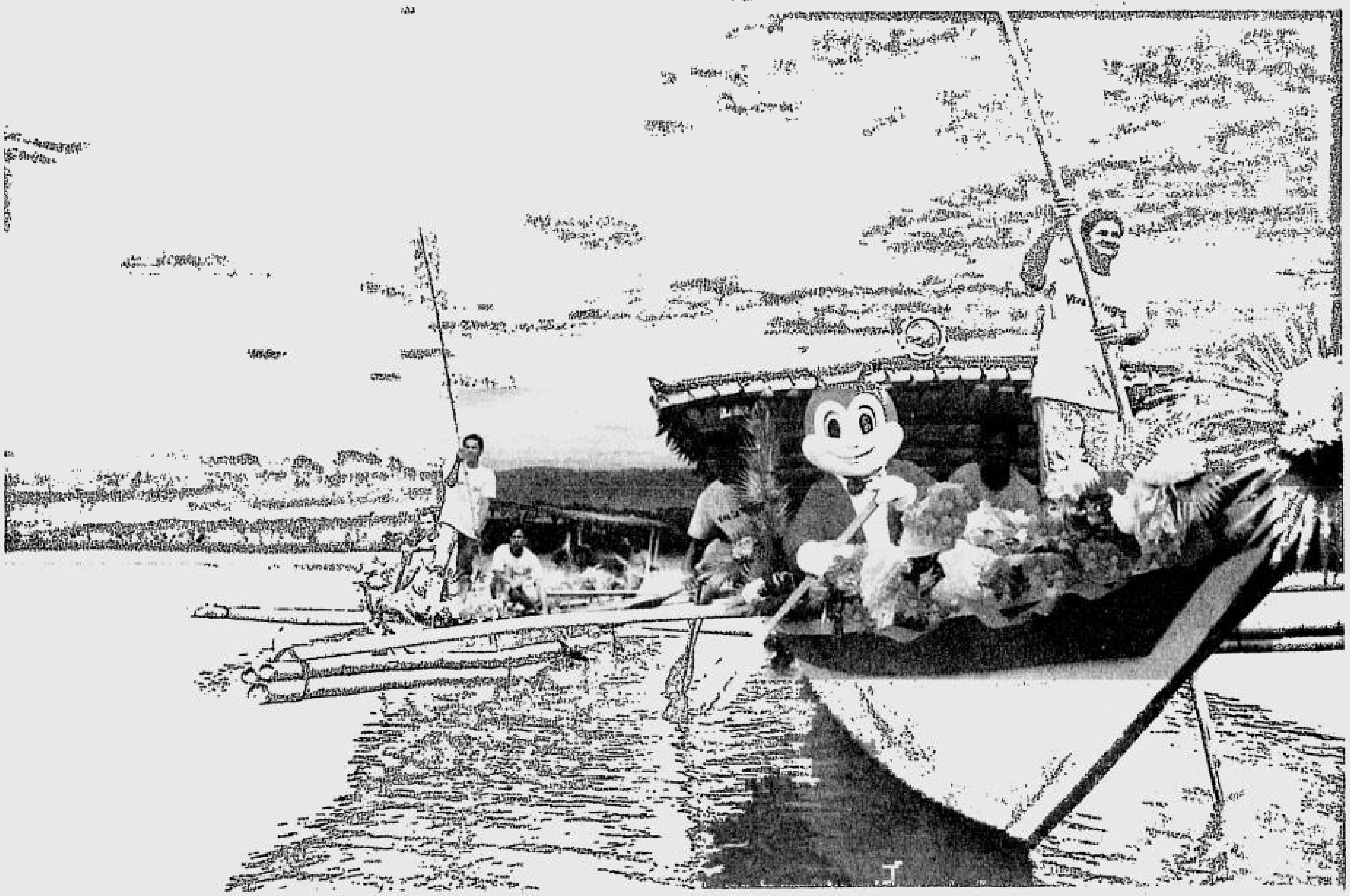

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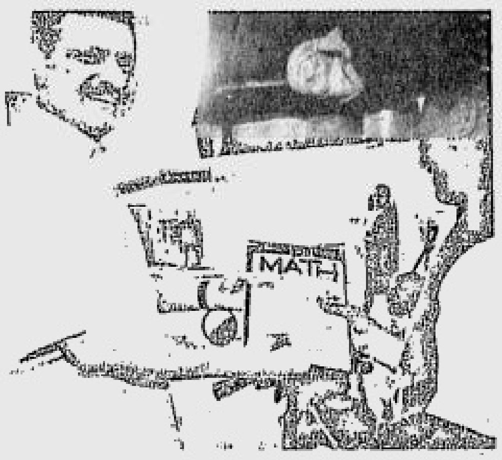

KHALID al-Faddagh, president of Petron Corp. and Petron Foundation

Books and scholarships for poor kids

DRIVERS of public utility vehicles recently received educational gifts for their children, courtesy of Petron Foundation, when executives and employee volunteers of the oil firm distributed over a thousand books and packs of magazines to drivers who drove up at the Petron Xpressfill Station in Makati.

"This is a small token of support to our friends in the public transport industry," said new Petron president Khalid D. al-Faddagh, who assumed the post in July 2003. "Eventually, we will see their children enjoy the gift of education through our Tulong Aral ng Petron."

The Sex Bomb Dancers made a special appearance and helped in the book distribution, delighting the drivers no end. They were accompanied by the Rev X image models.

Tulong Aral ng Petron is the company's anchor program on education, which sends 1,000 children from urban poor communities to 90 public elementary schools in Metro Manila under the supervision of Petron Foundation.

The scholarship program provides the beneficiaries with uniforms, books, shoes and a daily meal allowance, as well as guaranteed support from Grades One to Grade Six.

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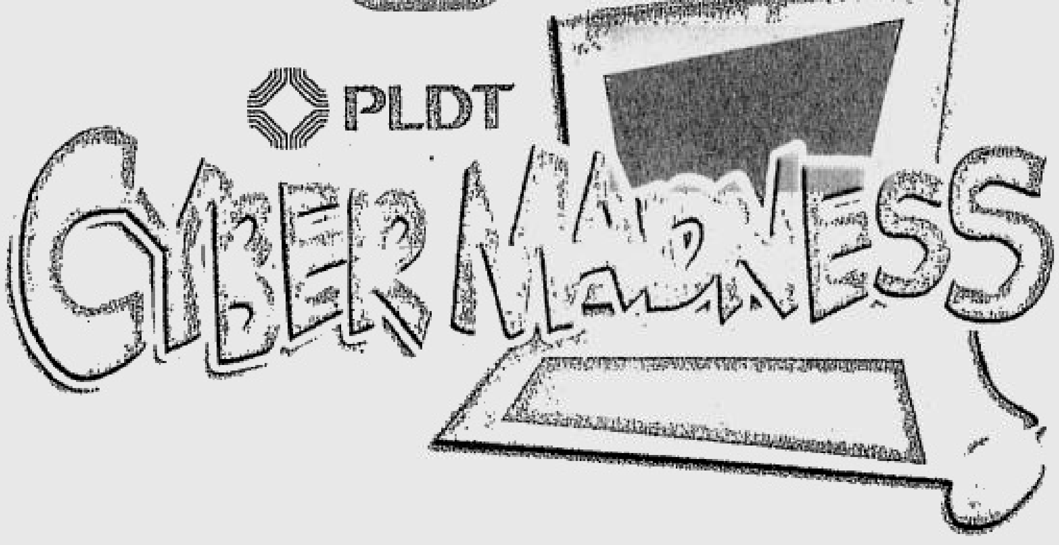

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Tragedies become opportunities to help underprivileged

PIA Cayetano with her beloved Gabriel, who suffered from a rare genetic disorder and expired after nine months of intensive care

MANY people would probably find two tragedies coming close to each other enough to give up on life.

But for Pia Sebastian, eldest child and only daughter of the late Sen. Rene "Compañero" Cayetano, her recent losses only strengthened her desire to help the more unfortunate, just as her father did when he was alive.

More than two years ago, Sebastian's son Gabriel was diagnosed soon after birth to have Trisomy 13, a rare chromosomal disorder that causes respiratory complications and heart conditions. The baby had a cleft lip and palate, a hole in his heart, enlarged kidneys and was perceived to be deaf and probably blind. Doctors said those born with the disorder usually lived only hours or, at most, days.

Sebastian, a rising corporate lawyer, decided to drop everything to devote her time to her son. Together with husband Butch, she took care of Gabriel. But despite all the love and medical attention, the child died after nine months on Sept. 19, 2001.

Instead of grieving, the couple trained for the 42-km Chronicle Marathon in San Francisco, California, United States. There was a reason for the decision. A year after Gabriel's death, when the Sebastians finished the grueling endurance race, the Gabriel Symphony Foundation was launched. Family and friends donated funds for every kilometer they ran.

The foundation has been providing medical assistance—financial or referrals to specialists—to sick and disabled children. It also assists a support group for parents of special children. Sebastian said the foundation enabled parents to discuss their concerns and gave them an opportunity for mutual support. Members usually volunteer as caregivers for sick children in hospitals.

The foundation has been distributing books and other information materials for parents, schools, hospitals and other institutions. Each child who underwent treatment gets an Angel Bear.

Gabriel's own *yaya*, Nita, was among the first volunteers of the foundation. She now accompanies babies to the Philippine General Hospital, helping them from the first check-up to full recovery at home.

Not even over her grief from the death of her only son, Sebastian had another painful blow; her father passed away. As the oldest and the only girl in a family of four—her brothers are Rep. Alan Peter of Taguig-Pateros, Councilor Ren Ren of Muntinlupa and Lino, a film-television director—she was particularly devastated by the loss.

"I owed him my entire life," she said. Her father guided her as she worked for an economics degree at the University of the Philippines, graduating *cum laude* in 1985 at 18. It was quite a feat since she was also a member of the UP and RP volleyball teams, as well as grand archon of UP's Delta Lamda Sigma Sorority. After graduation, she worked for two years in the US as stockbroker for Paine Webber and Merrill Lynch.

On the advice of her father, Sebastian returned to the Philippines and took up law at the UP, graduating with academic distinction and seventh in the Class of 1991. After passing the bar in 1992, she became an associate at the Castillo, Laman, Tan and Pantaleon Law Offices, specializing in corporate law.

The Sebastians inaugurated the Gabriel

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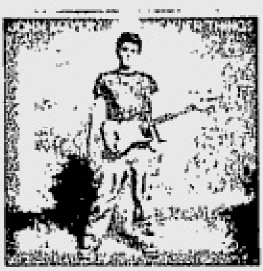

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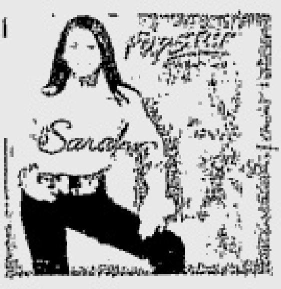

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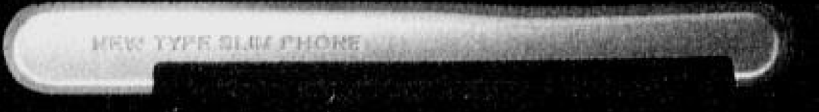

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TRAVEL

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In the Land of the Free

DETAIL of the Khmer-style Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)

Text and photos
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FOUR hours after liftoff from Manila, our plane lands in Krung Thep, "The City of Angels." Known to the rest of the world as Bangkok, capital of Thailand, it seems a lot like Manila—but not quite, as my companions and I eventually discover during our three-day stay.

Unofficially referred to as "The Land of Smiles," the country formerly known as Siam was renamed Prathet Thai, or "Land of the Free," in 1949. This is in reference to the fact that the Kingdom of Thailand, in its more than 800 years of history, has never experienced European colonization.

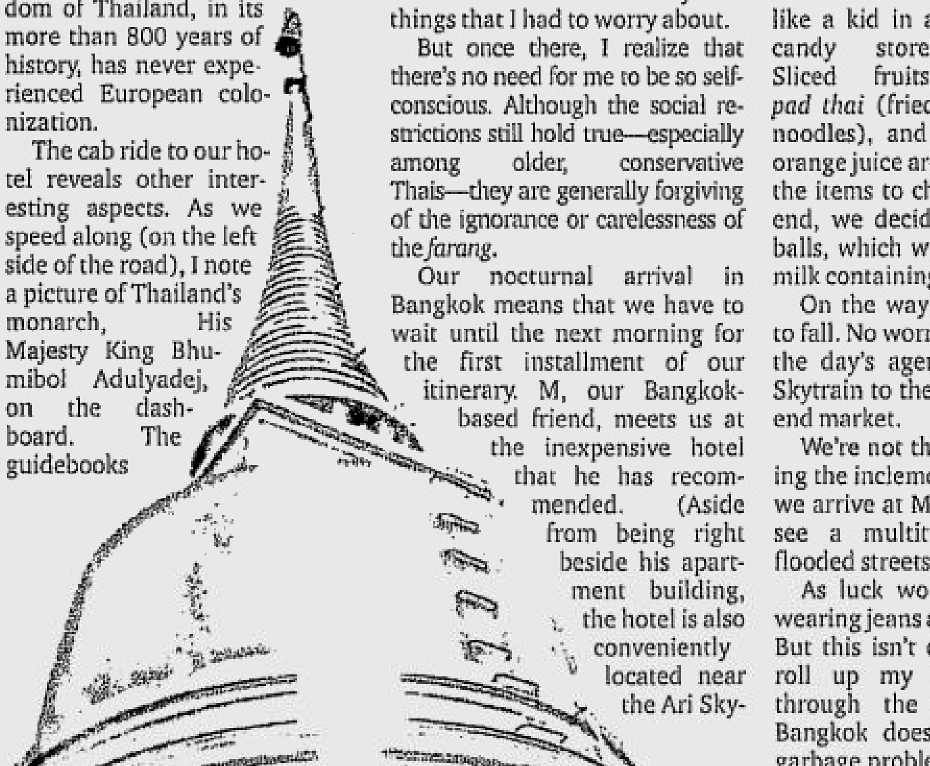
The cab ride to our hotel reveals other interesting aspects. As we speed along (on the left side of the road), I note a picture of Thailand's monarch, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, on the dashboard. The guidebooks had said that I would be seeing this man's likeness all over Bangkok. Well educated and renowned for his compassion, he was crowned in 1946, making him the world's longest reigning monarch.

We would later be informed that the success and stability of Thailand and the happiness of its citizens are due primarily to two factors: their faith in Buddha and their love for their king. Despite the tolerance that Thais are known for, any *farang* (foreigner) who conveys disrespect for either is asking for trouble.

The social guidelines in the travel books made me a bit anxious well before I arrived. Don't point at anyone with your foot; don't go beyond holding your partner's hand when in public; don't touch anyone's head, etc. There seemed to be so many new things that I had to worry about.

But once there, I realize that there's no need for me to be so self-conscious. Although the social restrictions still hold true—especially among older, conservative Thais—they are generally forgiving of the ignorance or carelessness of the *farang*.

Our nocturnal arrival in Bangkok means that we have to wait until the next morning for the first installment of our itinerary. M, our Bangkok-based friend, meets us at the inexpensive hotel that he has recommended. (Aside from being right beside his apartment building, the hotel is also conveniently located near the Ari Skytrain station. It is one of many lodging choices in this city where the importance of tourism is seemingly recognized by all, resulting in a spectrum of options that caters to visitors of all budgets. What I perceive as a tourism mentality would also give me the occasional strange feeling that Thailand Marketing & Promotions 101 is a compulsory course for Thais. Kind of like monkhood.)



THE PHU Khao Thong (Golden Mount) at Wat Saket

M treats us to breakfast the next morning. A short walk from the hotel, numerous vendors are selling food. I discover with delight that all I had heard about Bangkok being vegan-friendly seem to be true. I am like a kid in a candy store. Sliced fruits, *pad thai* (fried noodles), and freshly squeezed orange juice are just a few among the items to choose from. In the end, we decide on fried dough balls, which we dip in warm soy milk containing syrup and barley.

IMAGE of the Buddha at Wat Saket

On the way back, rain begins to fall. No worries. L and I stick to the day's agenda and take the Skytrain to the Chatuchak weekend market.

We're not the only ones ignoring the inclement weather. When we arrive at Mo Chit Station, we see a multitude braving the flooded streets.

As luck would have it, I am wearing jeans and running shoes. But this isn't our Divisoria, so I roll up my pants and forge through the shin-high water. Bangkok doesn't have Manila's garbage problem, so we're not so worried about leptospirosis or some other horrible water-borne disease. Truth be told, I'm having fun.

If you don't know how to bargain, tough. Then again, if you want to learn how to haggle, this is Haggling Academy. People who have been here will ultimately try to one-up each other with tales of their amazing bargains.

That evening, we have dinner at a vegetarian restaurant near Khao San Road, the traveler's haven popularized in "The Beach." Later, we walk up and down the short yet vibrant stretch of Khao San, party central for Bangkok's (mostly white) *farang* backpacker crowd.

The next day is our second and last full day in Bangkok. We take the Skytrain to Saphan Thaksin Station, walk toward the riverbank and board the Chao Phraya River Express, which deposits us at the Tha Thein Pier. We then take the river ferry, which crosses the river to Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn), star of many Thailand promotional materials.

As we climb up, we notice that the higher levels have been fenced off. The steep staircase has apparently caused far too many accidents.

After Wat Arun, we take the ferry once more. On the other side of the river is Wat Pho, the Temple of the Reclining Buddha. We take a *tuk-tuk* to the Grand Palace, one among many must-see spots in Bangkok. We are dressed appropriately (shorts, sleeveless shirts and shoes without toes and heels are not permitted), but we decide not to enter because of the hefty entrance fee of THB200.

At this point, a word of warning to those who intend to go to Bangkok for the first time: Beware *tuk-tuk* drivers offering guided tours.

We received no such warning, and the experience almost ruined our trip. (For those still clueless, remember that tricycle thingey in the Pierce Brosnan credit card ad? That's a *tuk-tuk*.)

Here's what happened: We make a deal with a *tuk-tuk* driver waiting outside the Grand Palace. We ask him to take us to the Vimanmek Palace. He says it's closed and we ask him to take us to Wat Saket, Wat Indravihara (site of the standing Buddha image called Luang Pho To), and the *klong* (canal), so we can catch the floating market. He agrees and we get in.

So he takes us to Wat Saket. Before we make the ascent to The Golden Mount (Phu Khao Thong), he tells us to take our time; he'll wait for us.

And take our time we do. We admire the view, I talk to a monk, and we head back down. True to his word, there waits polite, helpful Mr. *Tuk-tuk* Man.

Next stop: the standing Buddha. But before he starts the engine, he tells us that he'll make a short stop at a jewelry store for some gas. We have no idea why there would be petrol in a jewelry store, but hey, maybe it's a quirky Thai thing. So, sure, no prob.

When we get there, he suggests that we go in; we might see something we like. So we go in, a tad annoyed, although we're soon dazzled by all the pretty rocks. R, assisted by a saleslady, takes more than a passing interest in a ruby ring, which I think doesn't suit her at all. When R finally decides against buying it, the saleslady makes like a leech and won't let go. She pitches hard and fast, so much so that we resort to discussing an escape plan in Filipino. Saleslady retaliates by speaking in Thai to her colleagues, who hover nearby.

We manage to escape, although polite, helpful Mr. *Tuk-tuk* Man seems disappointed for some reason. It's only when he drives us to a duty-free shop that the words "tourist trap" begin to flash in our minds. As we wander around the store, it becomes clear that we're in the middle of a scam.

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"Maybe he'll let us go if we buy something," L suggests. But we are surrounded by Rolexes and colognes, and her plan finds no takers. We head out, to the consternation of no-longer-as-polite Mr. *Tuk-tuk* Man. "Why you so fast? Why you not stay longer?" he demands to know.

We try to explain that we're not loaded, but it's a waste of sarcasm. Shaking his head, he drives us to, of all places, a high-end tailor shop. We take three brisk steps in, turn on our heels, and take three brisk steps out.

Now he's really annoyed. He explains that if we don't stay a little longer, he won't get any gas (read: commission). He goes on and on as he drives us to the next surprise establishment. By then I have had enough.

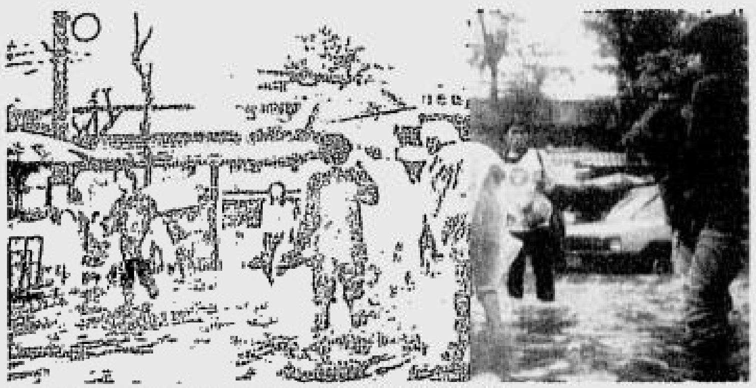
"Look, if you had taken us to where we agreed to go in the first place, you wouldn't have used up so much gas to begin with," I tell him. "We were enjoying our visit to Bangkok until you tricked us into this wild goose chase. If you don't bring us to where we agreed to go, we will report you. Do you understand?"

He understands, and deposits us near a *klong*. But it seems a bit too late in the day to check out the floating market, so we take the canal taxi to the World Trade Center Shopping Complex for another round of *pasalubong* shopping.

Fortunately, *klong* taxis are a hoot, and our spirits are lightened considerably as we fly over the canal.

Admittedly, three days is far too short a vacation, especially in a city as amazing as Bangkok. In the flight home the next day, we take comfort in the fact that, on our next visit to the Land of the Free, there will be new things to experience.

And we won't take any guided *tuk-tuk* tour next time.



MANILA? No, the Chatuchak weekend market

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It also comes with suggested itineraries to make travel planning easier and more efficient for passengers, said SEAIR director Nikos Gitsis.

The Island Pass is currently available at SEAIR's ticketing offices on Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City, and at the Manila Domestic Airport In Pasay City. It will soon be available at the Clark, Cebu, Caticlan and Puerto Princesa ticketing offices, and, possibly next year, online.

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Port systems

PARTICIPANTS of a recent strategic planning conference held at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City were urged to include feeder and municipal ports in the planning to upgrade the equipment and infrastructure of the Philippines' port systems.

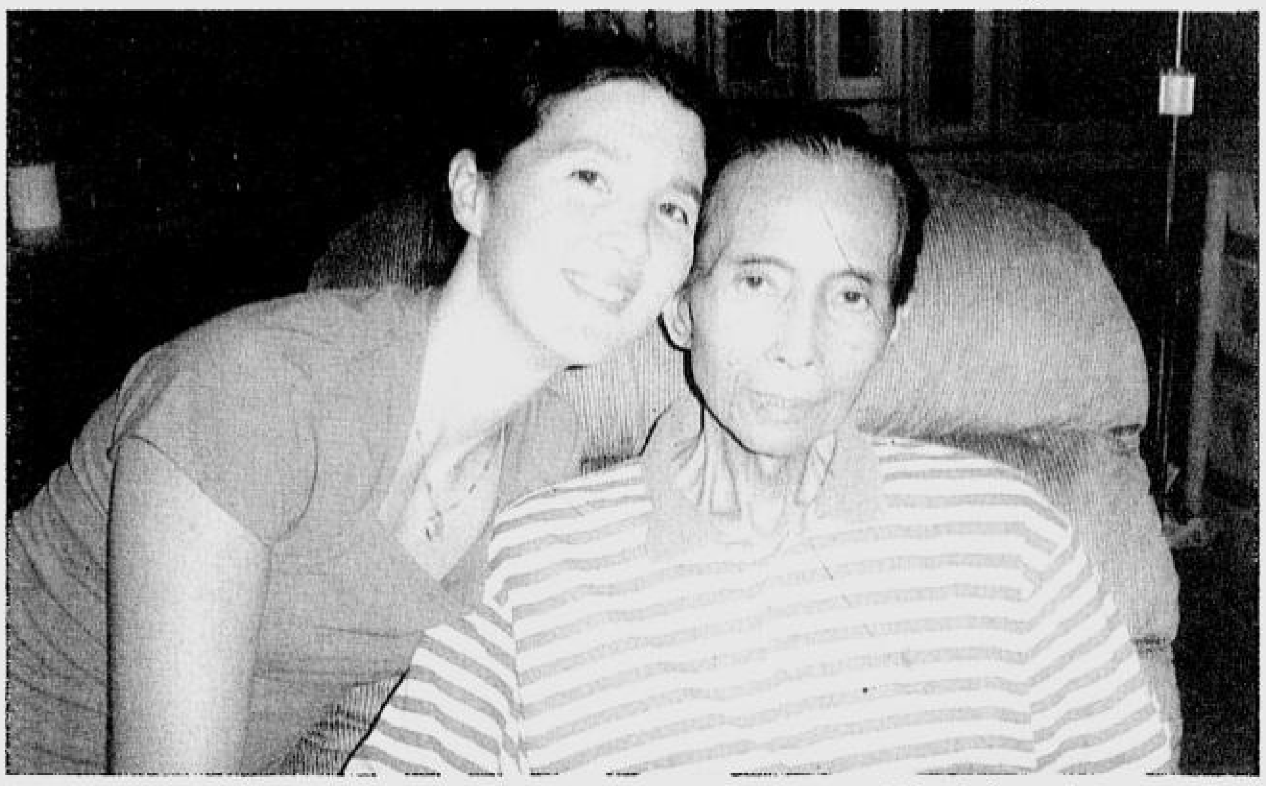
"While we appreciate the need to upgrade the equipment and infrastructure of the so-called triple and two-star ports, we should not lose sight of the fact that our country has many remote islands and municipalities that still need feeder or municipal ports," said Assistant Transportation Secretary Robert R. Castañares.

He said that with the advancement in information technology such as the use of e-commerce in trade and business transactions, "it is imperative that the efficiency of transportation, particularly in the delivery of goods, movement of people and services be made consistent with the pace of these developments."

Castañares also noted that because the country was basically agricultural, about 60 percent of the total cargo passing through all ports in the country were domestic in nature.

But he stressed that the findings by survey teams of the Department of Transportation and Communications showed that the overall quality of Philippine ports needed urgent improvement to be able to sustain economic growth.

He also pointed out that implementation of many maritime infrastructure projects for the last three years had been hampered by the lack of funds.



IN ONE of her last pictures with the "Compañero," Pia shares a tender moment with her father at their Ayala Alabang home.

"COMPAÑERA" Pia pays her last tribute to her father at the Senate necrological rites as her three younger siblings (from left), Lino, councilor Ren Ren and Rep. Alan Peter, look on.

Tragedies become opportunities . . .

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Symphony Foundation with a 12-hour Run-Bike-Walk in Ayala Alabang. Aimed at raising funds for the foundation, it was attended by over 200 bikers, walkers and runners as well as members of the Cayetano family, including mother Sandra and brothers Alan Peter, Ren Ren and Lino. Close friends and relatives turned up en masse to chip in for the foundation.

Sebastian now writes a newspaper column through which she gives legal advice with brother Alan Peter as co-author. She is also a successful entrepreneur, running 10 outlets of her store that sells infant and children stuff, including educational toys.

She is now setting up a foundation in honor of her father, Sen. Rene "Compañero"—the Cayetano Transplant Foundation, to help people needing transplant. Doing the groundwork are Drs. Bobby Ramirez and Missa de Villa.

Mom-in-law can be your best friend

IF YOU are a young parent, your mother-in-law can be your best pal in caring for your children.

Dr. Donna Pangilinan-Simpao gives tips on getting along and developing a meaningful relationship with your mother-in-law in the September issue of Baby Magazine, the ultimate guide for new parents.

She also writes about common mistakes parents and caregivers make in feeding children.

The current issue has two new sections: Baby Exchange, where parents can find bargain stuff like carriers, strollers, car seats; and "Babies Say The Funniest Things," where it invites readers to send their own stories.

Childbirth instructor Rome Kanapi talks about mothers who had a normal delivery after a cesarean birth, debunking the notion that "once a cesarean, always a cesarean."

Educator Nina Lim-Yuson lists the fun things a family can do at the Museo Pambata while Marita Villafuerte provides tips on making disciplining your child simple.

Other features are: Neonatologist Cynthia Santos Ocampo-Padilla discusses jaundice in her column, Newborn News; ob-gyne Rebecca Singson describes a new machine that helps in early detection of cervical cancer; child psychologist Teresa Gustib-Villasor talks about the attachment between mother and child; and Mayang Sion-Pascual gives tips on "Unlocking the Door to a Meaningful Relationship."

The monthly Baby Magazine is available in all SM Baby Company Sections, the two Baby & Co. outlets at the Podium and the Rockwell Power Plant Mall, all National Bookstore outlets and leading magazine stands.

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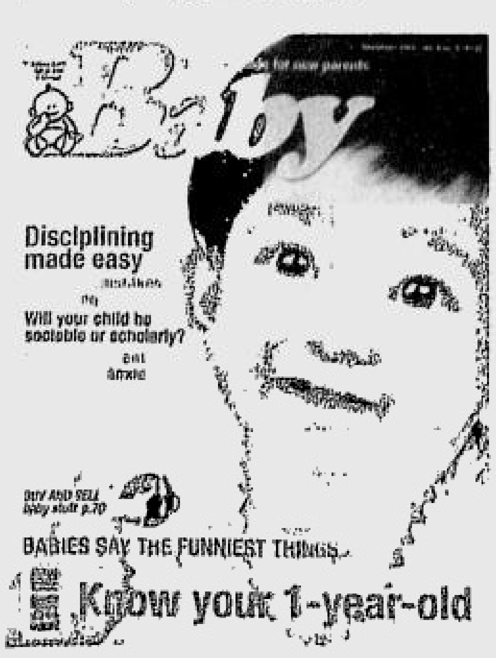
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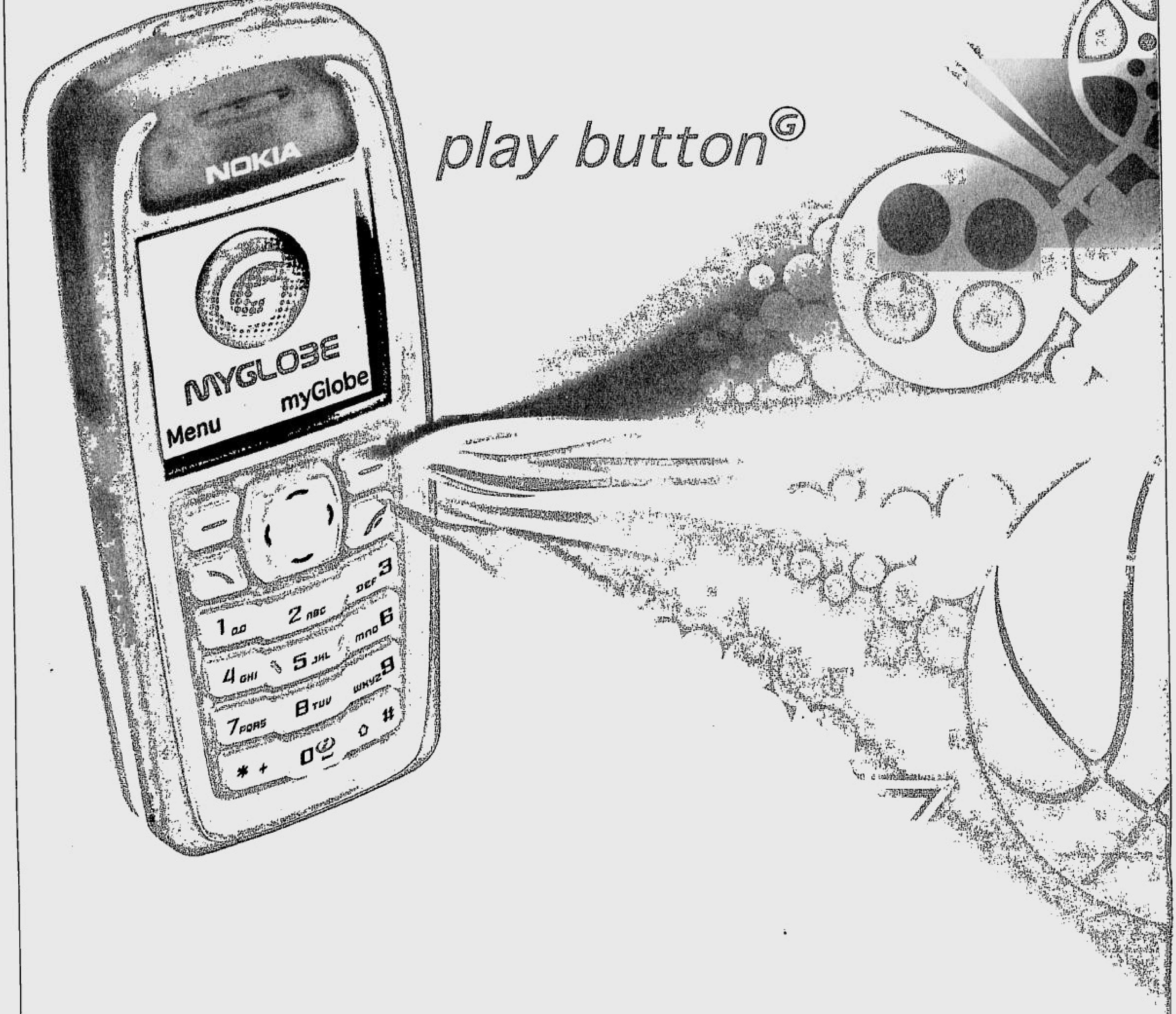

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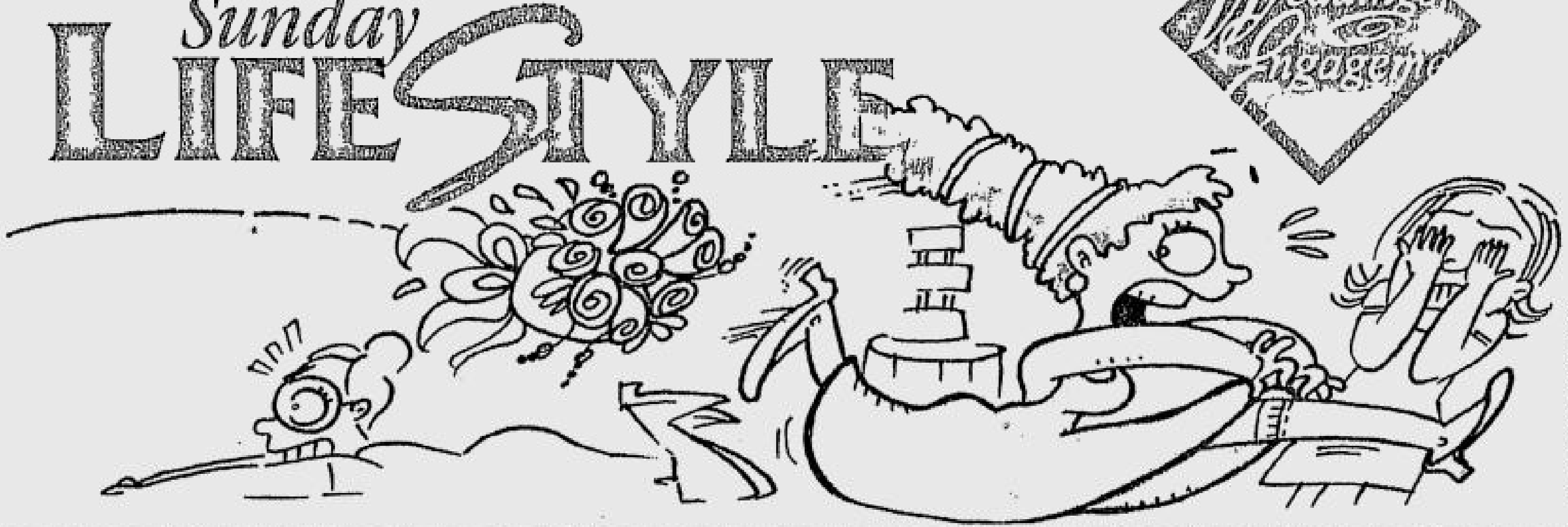

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Dodging the bouquet

By Pam Pastor

ATTENDING Weddings for Dummies Lesson 1: If you want to hold on to your dignity, never catch the bouquet.

Weddings are lovely. Most of the time. I quite enjoy getting dressed up and watching couples so drunk with love for each other that they want to spend the rest of their lives together. And while the music isn't always good and the food not always great, weddings are pretty much painless experiences. Except for one teeny tiny part. The bouquet toss.

While Hollywood paints a different picture of this part of the wedding—with single girls scrambling to catch the bouquet (Think "Clueless," "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "My Best Friend's Wedding")—the Manila reality is the exact opposite. I do not know a single girl who does not dread the bouquet toss. In fact, it is now common knowledge that this part of the wedding ceremony no longer sits well with women guests, which makes me wonder why people still keep it in the program. Tradition, I guess, although torture is more like it.

Whoever came up with the idea that the woman who caught the bouquet would be next to marry must have been insane. Or drunk.

Rite of passage?

In recent weddings, I noticed that the only eager participants in this little game were the junior bridesmaids who probably saw the bouquet toss as a rite of passage, like training bras and their first period. Those who really were of "marrying age" (I hate that term) tended to cower in fear of being asked to participate. It will not be a stretch to say that most single people will themselves to just vanish into thin air.

> Women are not scrambling anymore for the perfect spot to catch the bridal flowers

Wedding organizers have found a way to overcome this reluctance. In the last wedding I went to, single girls were asked to stand up to pull out favors from the wedding cake before the task smoothly segued to the bouquet toss—a wise move that made sure they were all standing up and couldn't back out anymore. Even then, the single girls weren't exactly gung ho about identifying themselves and leaving their seats. The bride had to do a roll call of her friends.

The girls were then made to form a circle. Blindfolded, the bride was asked to hold the bouquet in front of her. The girls walked in circles around her while a fast song was played. The one standing in front of the bride when the music stopped got the bouquet.

The participants giggled and squealed, stepped over each other, hopped and skipped and did everything to avoid being caught in the space in front of the bride. It was like musical chairs from hell. When it was over, the relief was tangible.

Winning by default

The garter toss wasn't very different. When the groom threw the garter into the air, all the guys ducked, except for one or two brave souls. No one really tried to catch it so one guy "won" by default because he was nearest to where the garter landed.

No wonder my generation finds it hard to believe that there was a time when people really fought over the bouquet or willingly jumped up to snatch that garter before it hit the floor.

If our elders were fine with it, why do we refuse to carry on the tradition?

Don't chalk it up to shyness. Catching the bouquet has nothing to do with guts. I'm will-

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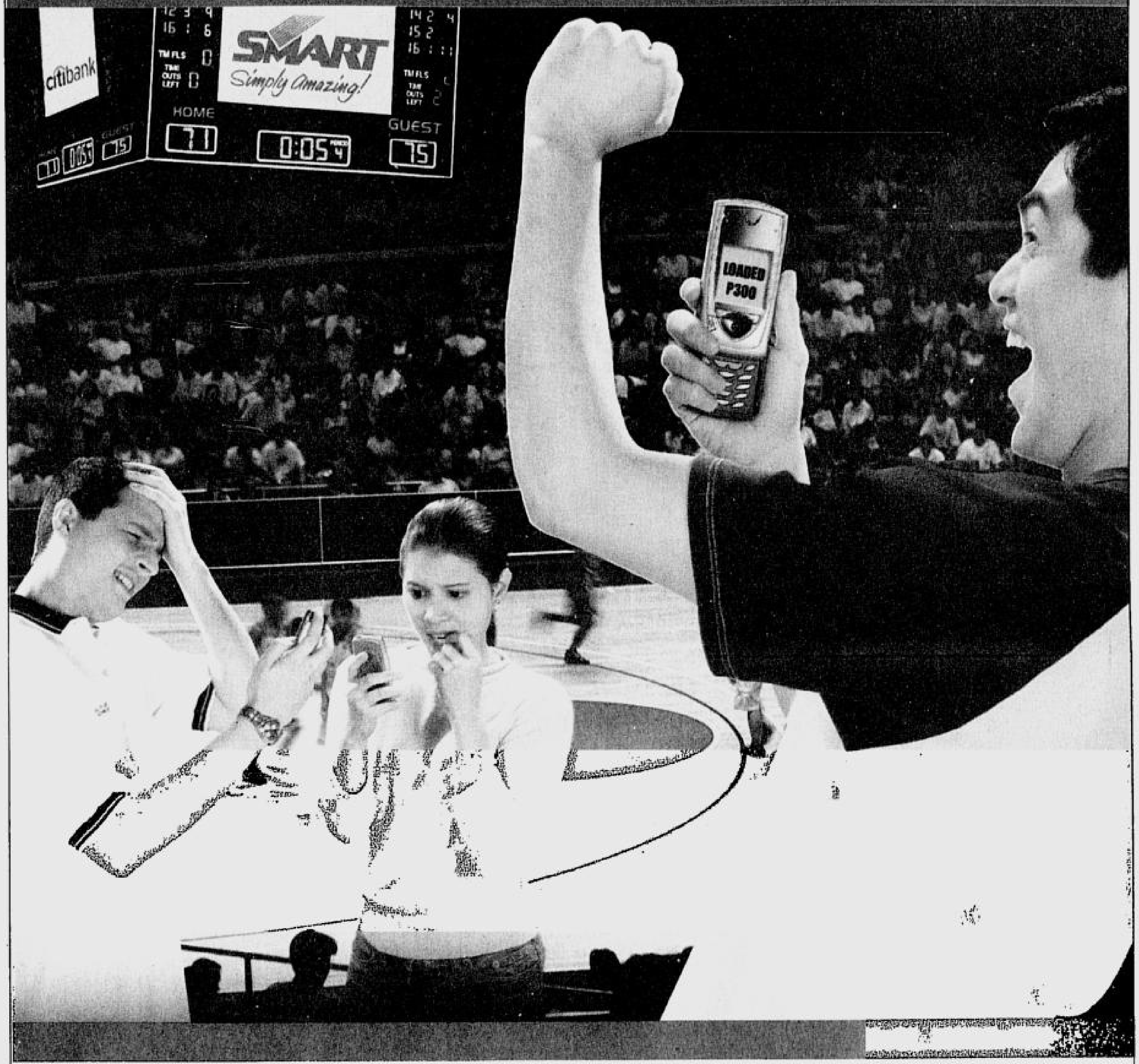

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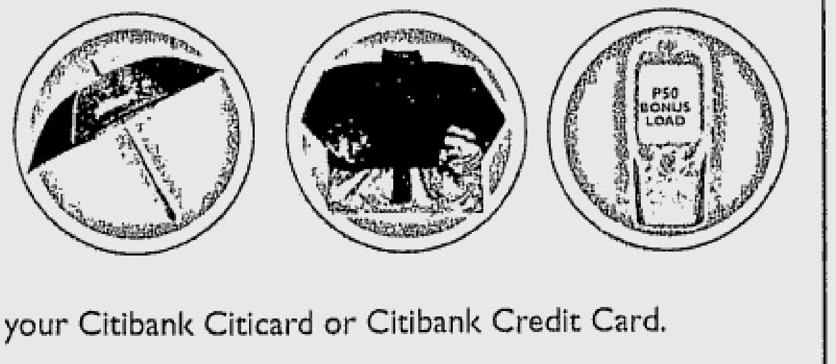

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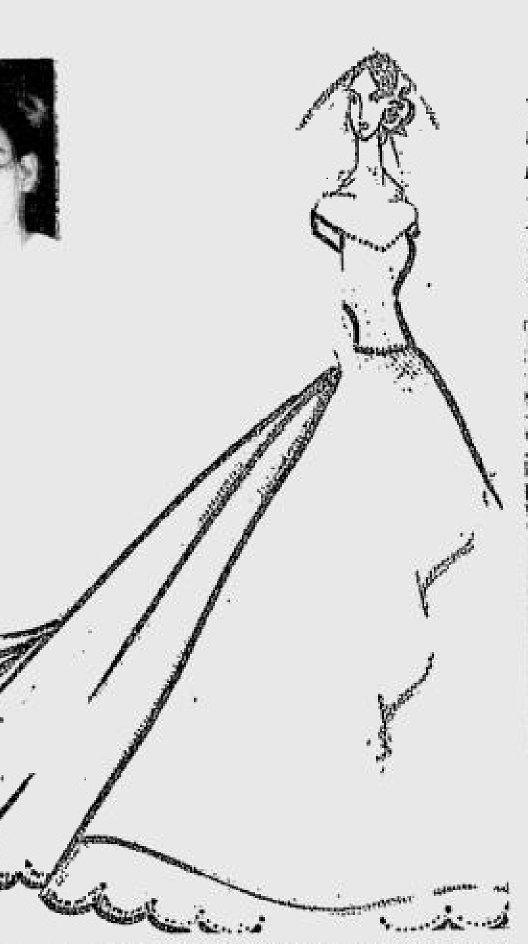
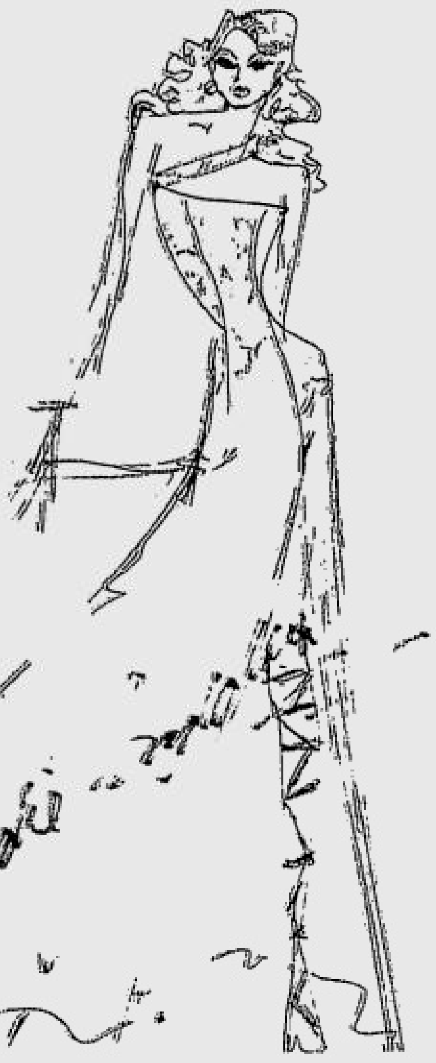


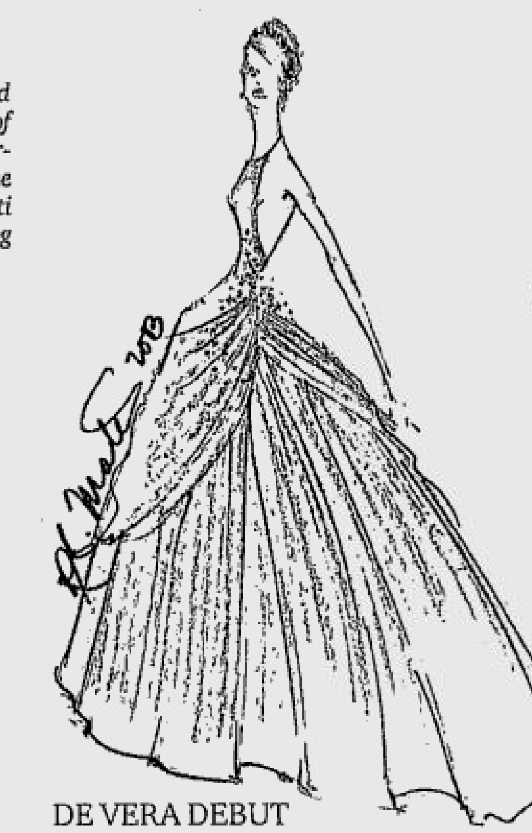
HERNANDEZ-DAQUIZ

Michael Rey Hernandez, son of **Ramon** and **Merlina Hernández**, will tie the knot with **Emma Christina Daquiz**, daughter of **Eduardo** and **Corazon Daquiz**, on Sept. 27, at the Immaculate Heart of Claret Parish Church, QC. Reception will follow at Bulwagan Claret, Claret Parish Main Hall. The bride and entourage will wear gowns by **Emily Sy of Esy Creations**



PAJARA DEBUT

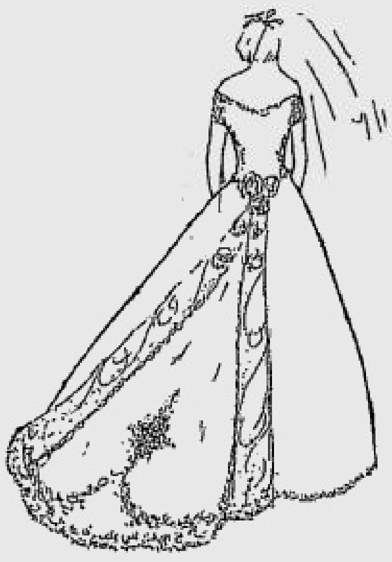
Jiezelle Fatima Cabrera Pajara, second child of contractor **Wilfredo** and **Mary Susan Pajara**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a luau or Hawaiian theme party on Sept. 27 at the Valley Golf Mansion, Valley Golf Subdivision in Rizal. The Assumption College Mass Communication student will wear an ivory white frosted silk one-sided strap, body-hugging serpentine gown with fish tail and floral-appliqued top bodice by couturier **Eddie Baddeo.**

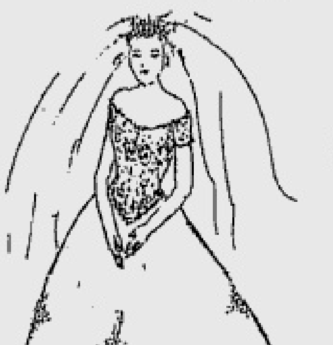


DE VERA DEBUT

Lourdes Grace de Vera will celebrate her 18th birthday at 6 p.m., Sept. 27, at the sports complex of JS Subdivision, Dulong Bayan, Bacoor, Cavite.

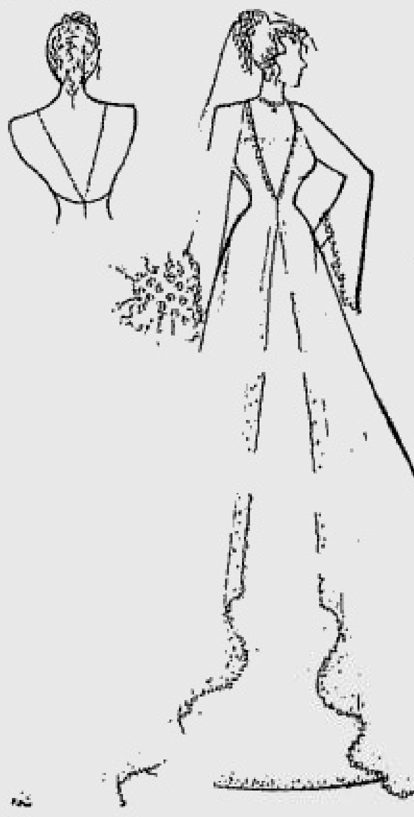
The daughter of **Alberto** and **Maricel de Vera**, the debutante will wear a halter red long gown in layered organza over an iridescent fabric with beads accentuating the sides by **Paul Rex Mateo** of The Wedding Day.





MARILLA-REYES

Sam Marilla, son of the late Mr. and Ms **Antonio Marilla**, will wed **Carole Lynne May Reyes**, daughter of lawyer and Ms **Reynaldo Reyes** at 3 p.m., Oct. 5 at the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Mabini Homesite, Cabanatuan City. Reception will follow at the Guadalajara Hall of La Parilla Hotel. The bride will wear an off-white silk gazaar and Swiss tulle off-shouldered princess-cut gown embellished with glass beads, caviar beads and sequins. The entourage will be in an apple green motif.



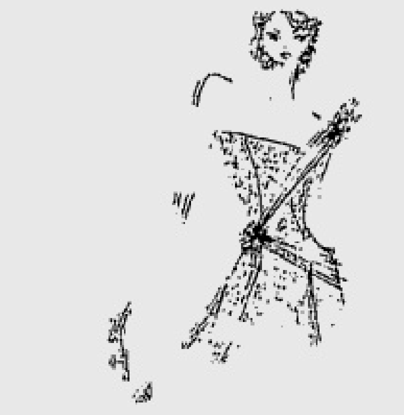
YABOT-VENIDA

Michael Emmanuel F. Yabot, son of **Manuel** and **Cynthia Yabot**, will exchange vows with **Abigail L. Venida**, daughter of **Capt. Danilo** and **Herminia Venida**, on Dec. 8 at Fernwood Gardens.

Edd Sy will execute the bridal gown designed by **Honey Papa.**

SEDIK-KALI

Dha-Rifah Kasim Sedik, daughter of **Hj. Ali** and **Hja. Bai Noria**, will wed **Ashmaui Biruar Kali**, son of **Engr. Juancho** and **Elena**, on Sept. 27, at Estosan Hotel, Cotabato City.



PAGDANGANAN DEBUT

Hester Austria Pagdanganan, youngest daughter of engineer **Simeon** and **Lolita Pagdanganan**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance on Sept. 27 at Rizal Ballroom A of Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

The University of Santo Tomas BS Medical Technology student will wear a Thai silk plum burgundy princess-cut ballgown in asymmetric draping chiffon bodice embellished with glass beads and caviar by couturier **Eddie Baddeo. Heidi Balicha** will do her hair and makeup.

TAYAG-HERNANDO

Dr. Dennis C. Tayag, son of **Fernando** and **Jean Tayag**, tied the knot with **Maricele B. Hernando**, daughter of lawyer **Marcial Hernando**, Sept. 6 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Quezon City. Reception followed at Annabel's Restaurant, Tomas Morato. **Cathy Manansala** designed the bridal gown.

Testimonies of miracles by Mother Consuelo

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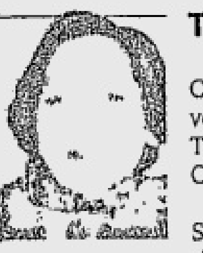

TWO boxes of testimonies of the miraculous intercession of Mother Consuelo Barcelo, OSA, were brought to Rome by Fr. Fernando Rojo, OSA, postulator for the cause of beatification of the nun. The priest made the trip after the close of the archdiocese processing of the cause at San Agustin Church last Sept. 6.

Bishop Socrates Villegas, Episcopal delegate, presided over the event after the High Mass, while Msgr. Jerome Reyes, judge delegate, nominated Fr. Rojo to take the testimonies to Rome.

Mother Consuelo Barcelo y Pages was the co-founder (with her sister Mother Rita Barcelo) of the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation 120 years ago in Manila. The religious order runs the La Consolacion College along Mendiola Street. After her death on Aug. 4, 1940 at the age of 83, word of Mother Consuelo's miraculous intercession of healing and solution of serious problems began to spread.

The cause of Mother Consuelo's beatification and canonization was opened on Sept. 30, 2002 at San Agustin Church. That momentous day was attended by students, teachers and the Augustinian community. After a year of investigation and interviews with people who benefited from her intercession, the testimonies were finally sent to Rome.

Prayer of Beatification

"God of love and compassion, you endowed Mother Consuelo with great love and zeal for your honor and glory. We commend to you her life and example of love of God and neighbor. With faith and trust in your gracious providence, we pray for her beatification so that she may continue to inspire us in seeking your will and living a holy life.

"God of mercy, we also humbly present to you our need, united with the confirmation of the holiness of life of Mother Consuelo (mention your intention).

"In gratitude for your boundless blessings, we praise and thank You, Our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."

Those whose prayers have been granted can write to the Mother Consuelo Beatification Commission at La Consolacion Convent, 273 Santolan Road, 1500 San Juan, Metro Manila or call 7252727 or fax 7215445.

Retreat for priests

The Theological Centrum is holding a retreat for diocesan priests Sept. 29-Oct. 2 at the Makiling Conference Center in Barrio Tulo, Calamba, Laguna.

The retreat aims to contribute to the renewal of the clergy and is part of the effort to make priests respond more faithfully to their vocation.

Speakers are Fr. Roque Reyes on "The Mystery of Faith," Fr. Edgar Soria on "The Eucharist and Ecclesiastical Communion," and Fr. Carlos Estrada on "The Dignity of the Eucharist Celebration."

For reservations, call Gary Balingit at 6356113 or fax 6348590. A contribution of P3,000 will cover retreat expenses.

Medjugorje trip

Arpex Travel has moved its pilgrimage to Medjugorge to Oct. 17 due to the heat wave in Europe last month. Those interested can call Alice Padlan at 5253883 and 5253902.

Feast of Padre Pio

A Triduum of Masses is ongoing at the Presentation of the Child Jesus Parish in BF Parañaque to celebrate the feast of St. Padre Pio on Sept. 23. A processional image of the saint is presented after the Mass, held at 6 a.m., 6:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Therese of the Child Jesus

To mark the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus on Oct. 1, the Carmelite Convent on Gilmore Ave., QC is holding a Triduum of Masses at 6 p.m. Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

The book "Filipino Spiritual Culture: Social Transformation and Globalization" will be launched 9 a.m. Sept. 30. It is a collection of 12 lectures on 12 universities.

Prayer Power Movement

Devotees of the Sto. Bambino de Aracoeli Chapel of Naic, Cavite have organized a movement to harness the power of concerted mass-based prayer for the good of the country.

The Prayer Power Movement (PPM) is seen as the ordinary citizen's response to the worsening problems in the country like graft and corruption, drug abuse, peace and order, social and political instability, and natural and man-made disasters.

PPM organizers said critical times called for the moral renewal of everyone from all sectors. Individual citizens may be helpless on their own, but they can release the God-given power within them when they pray with others for divine assistance.

The PPM does not collect dues; holds no fund-raisers, meetings or rallies; and has no officers or committees. All one has to do to join is pray—specifically, commit to say the Prayer Power Movement prayer and to spread the practice to relatives, friends and neighbors, here and abroad.

Brochures about the PPM containing the commitment pledge and the PPM Prayer are available at the movement's secretariat. Call or visit 10/F Stanisco Tower, 999 P. Gil St., Ermita 1000, Manila, tel. (632) 5248870, Fax (632) 5241184.

Church heritage

Pope John Paul II will send His Excellency, Archbishop Francesco Marchisano, DD, president of the Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church and vicar-general of Vatican City, as his representative to the Third Biennial National Convention of Church Cultural Heritage Workers Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the Center for Kapampangan Studies, Holy Angel University, Angeles City.

This was announced by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines' (CBCP) Permanent Committee for the Cultural Heritage of the Church.

The CBCP is sponsoring the biennial convention while the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga and Holy Angel University are co-hosts.

Interested parties may contact Robby Tantingco at (045) 8888691 loc. 1311, or e-mail rptmt@yahoo.com.

Dodging the bouquet

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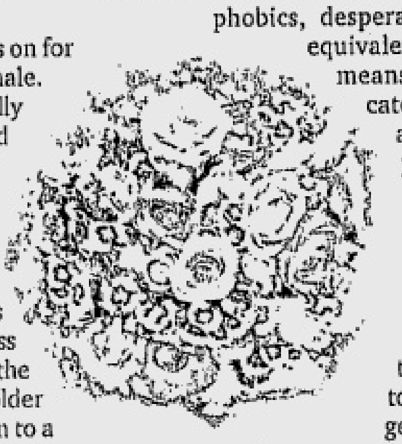
ing to bet my ovaries that even the most willing participants of wet T-shirt contests would turn their heads away when the flowers start flying.

Let's face it, the pressure is on for single people—male or female. If you're in your 20s (especially if you're in your late 20s) and people around you are starting to bug you about the lack of romance in your life, the last thing you want to do is shine a spotlight on your unhitched self. That's exactly what the bouquet toss does. It draws attention to the fact that you are getting older and still haven't settled down to a life of raising children and having a dog and a house with picket fences.



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Another way of looking at it is, the refusal to catch the bouquet is perhaps a way of rejecting society's norms. Fewer people are crumbling under the pressure to get married at a certain age. More have opted to focus on their personal growth, their careers and pursuit of happiness elsewhere. Trying to catch the bouquet is taking a step back into traditional beliefs. What does it really have to offer?

Embarrassment

Fun? Ridiculous. Fun is going shopping or having lunch with friends or a trip to a beautiful city. The bouquet toss does not fit the dictionary meaning of fun—it's an embarrassment at the most.

Not to say that people have completely turned their backs on romance. Even the most cynical do want to find their significant other. You've got blind dates, dating games, reality television shows like "The Bachelor," "The Bachelorette" and "Joe Millionaire," packed chat rooms, cyber romance, text channels, textmates, Crushcow.com, matchmakers and personal ads to tell you that people are on the hunt.

But nobody wants to appear overzealous. Desperation isn't supposed to be worn on your sleeve. Heck, it's not even supposed to exist. And it's definitely not meant to be flaunted while you are dressed to the nines and surrounded by people you would be seeing again. And again. And again.

In a world teeming with commitment-phobics, desperation is this generation's equivalent of Cleopatra's asp. It means suicide. Jumping up to catch that bouquet is one step away from plunging to your own symbolic death.

There's an unwritten rule. Stay cool, calm and collected. Never appear overeager—not even just for some silly little ritual.

So maybe the current attitude toward the bouquet toss is a reflection of this generation's stand on relationships, dating and marriage. Or maybe we're reading too much into this.

Maybe no one just wants to be bothered to jump up for a bunch of flowers.

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Bicol fiesta in Intramuros a smash hit

ABOUT 200,000 local and foreign visitors trooped to the recent "Gayon Bicol Fiesta sa Intramuros."

During the closing ceremonies at Clamshell 1 in Intramuros, Albay, Rep. Krisel Lagman-Luistro, the festival's executive chair, said that according to official records, the Bicol fiesta had more than 3.7 million in gross income from the sale of products from the region's six provinces and seven cites during the 12-day event. In addition, there were negotiated orders for indigenous wall panels and furniture.

During the grand parade of festivals held at the Plaza San Ignacio, Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon stated that the Bicol fiesta highlighted the rich Spanish-Mexican influences, which blended well with the indigenous Filipino culture. The grand parade of festivals, cultural markets and exhibits, craft demonstrations, entertainment by Bicolano artists all produced a great show.

The fiesta also launched the "Wow Philippines!" tour packages to Bicol. As organized by the DOT-Region V headed by director Nini Ong-Ravanilla in collaboration with Bicol's leading tour companies, the "Wealth of Wonders of Bicolandia" packages provide details on the inclusions to each tour to Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon and the cities of Naga, Iriga, Masbate, Sorsogon, Legazpi, Ligao and Tabako.

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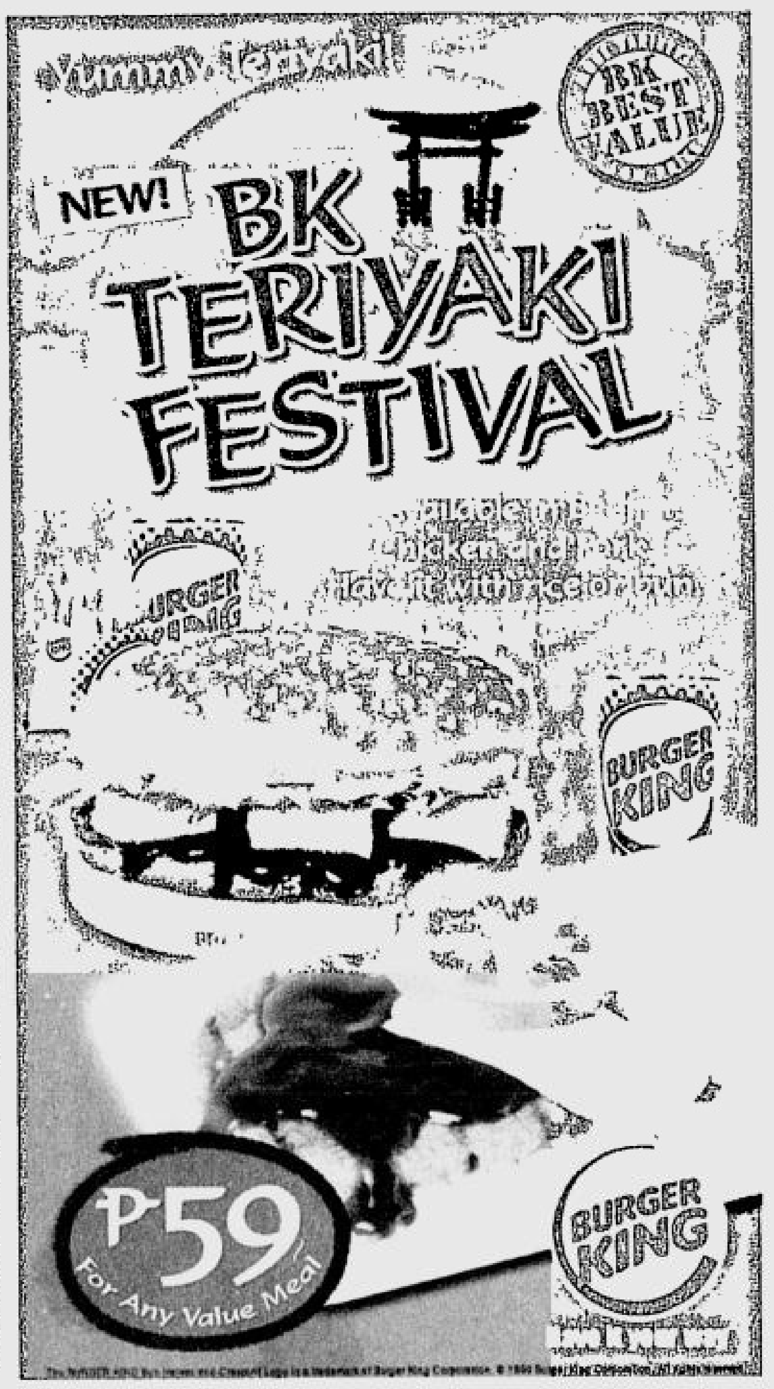

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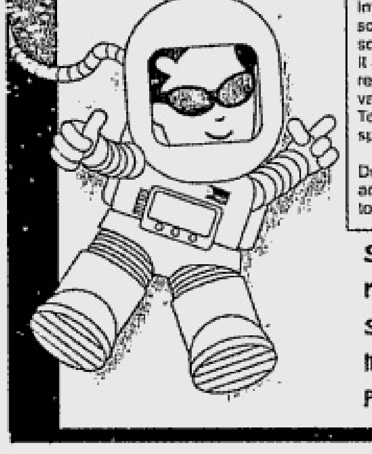

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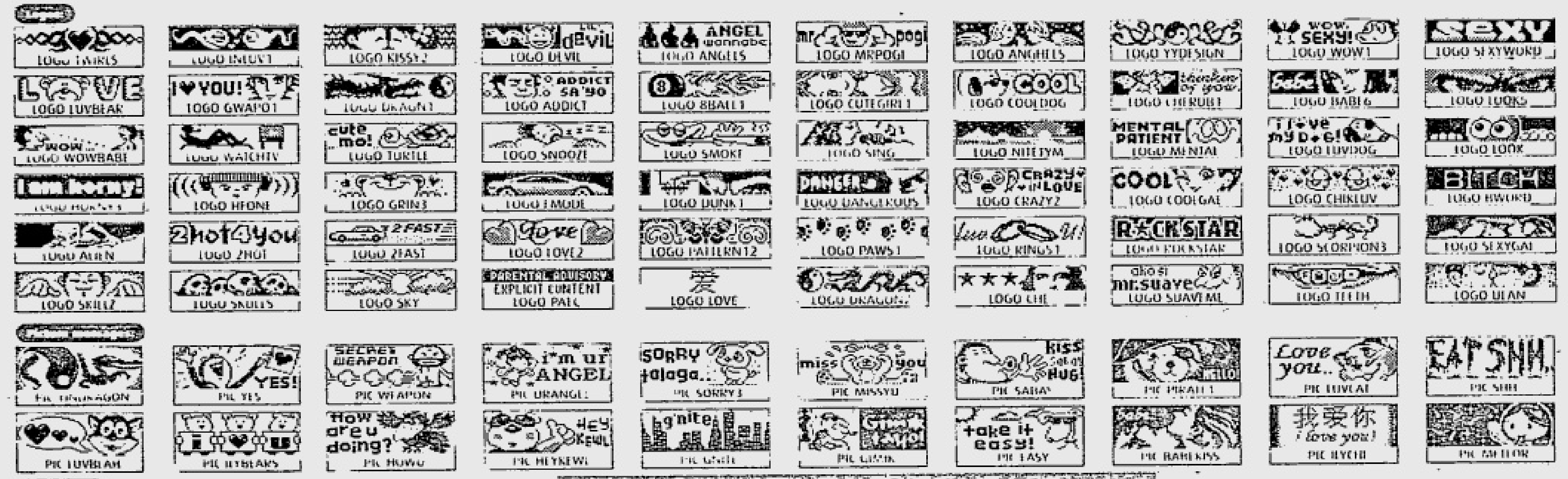
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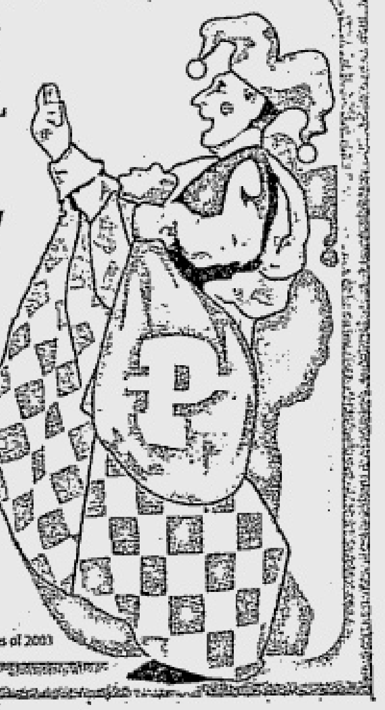

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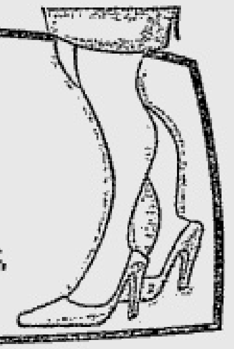

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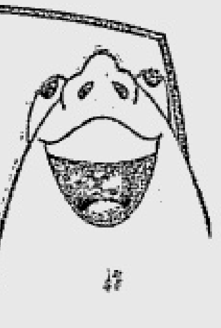

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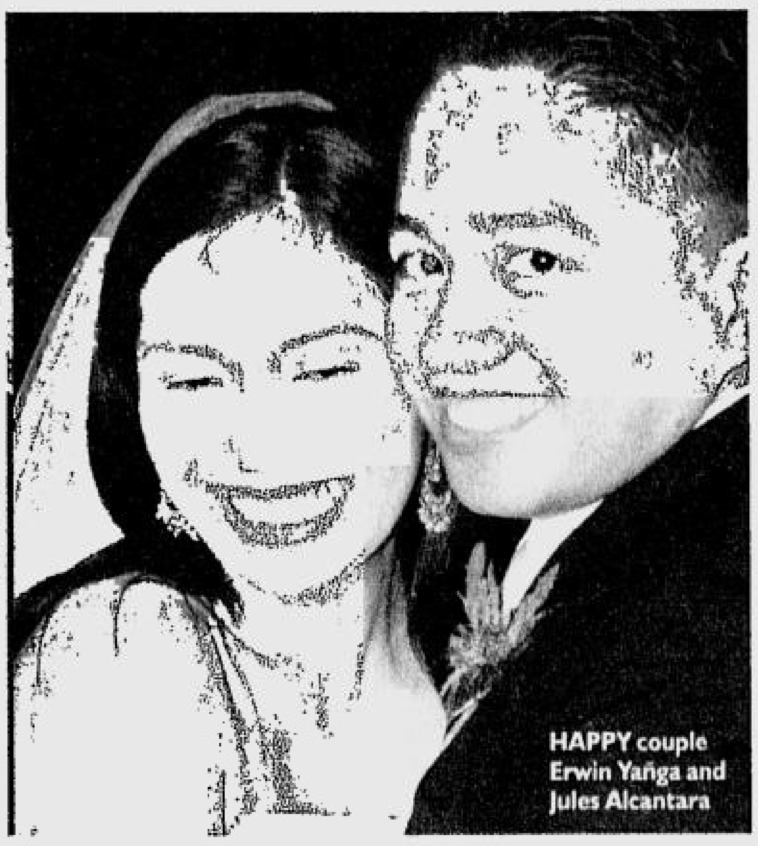

HAPPY couple Erwin Yañga and Jules Alcantara

YAÑGA-ALCANTARA NUPTIALS

A *bright-colored* match *hatched* online

By Pam Pastor

"WHEN I met him, it was like coming home," the bride said of her groom. That may sound so "Sleepless in Seattle," but those who know the couple can attest to its truth.

Five years ago, a mutual friend introduced Jules Alcantara, an account manager for ABS-CBN Interactive who also writes for this paper's 2bU! section, and Erwin Jason Yañga, an account manager at ABS-CBN, to each other.

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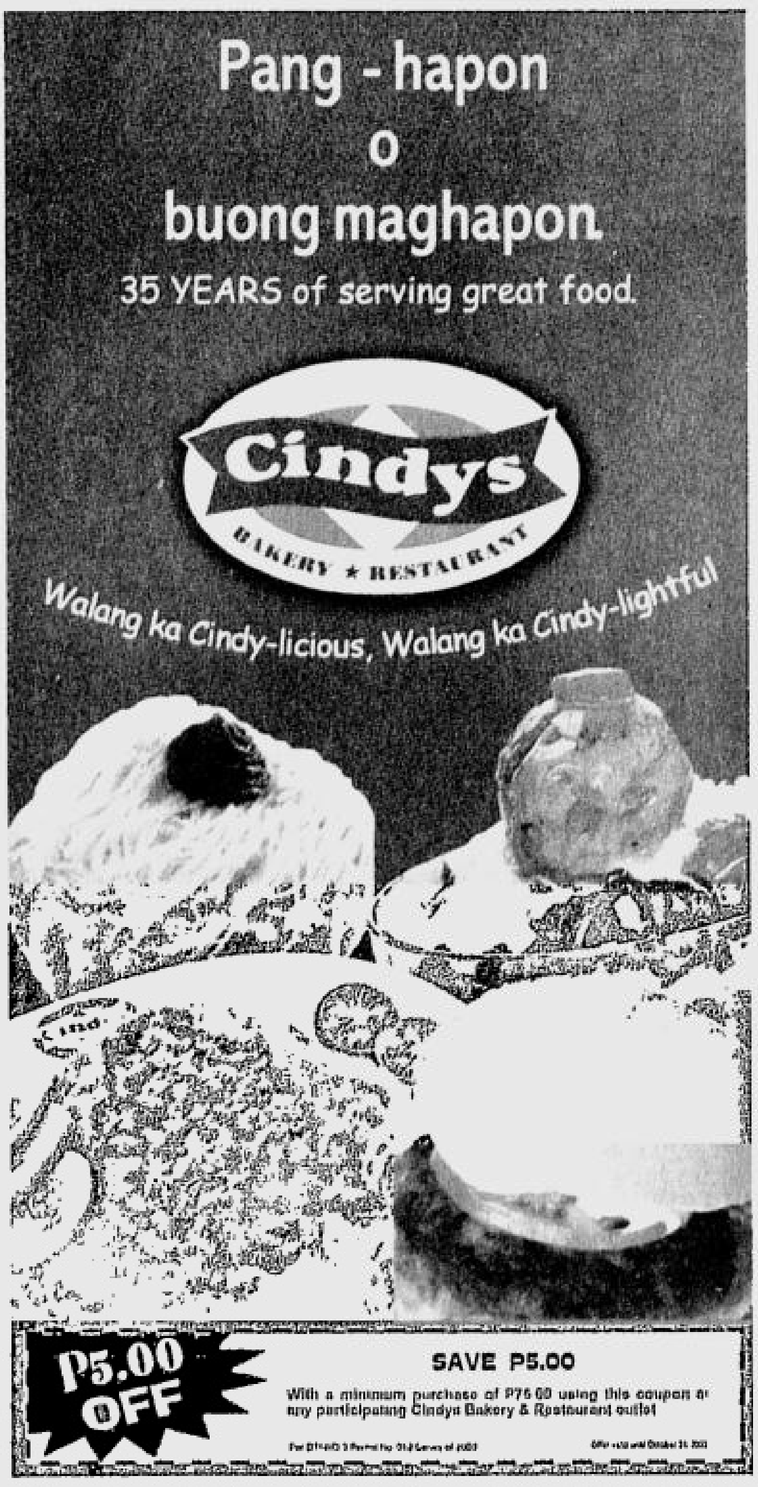

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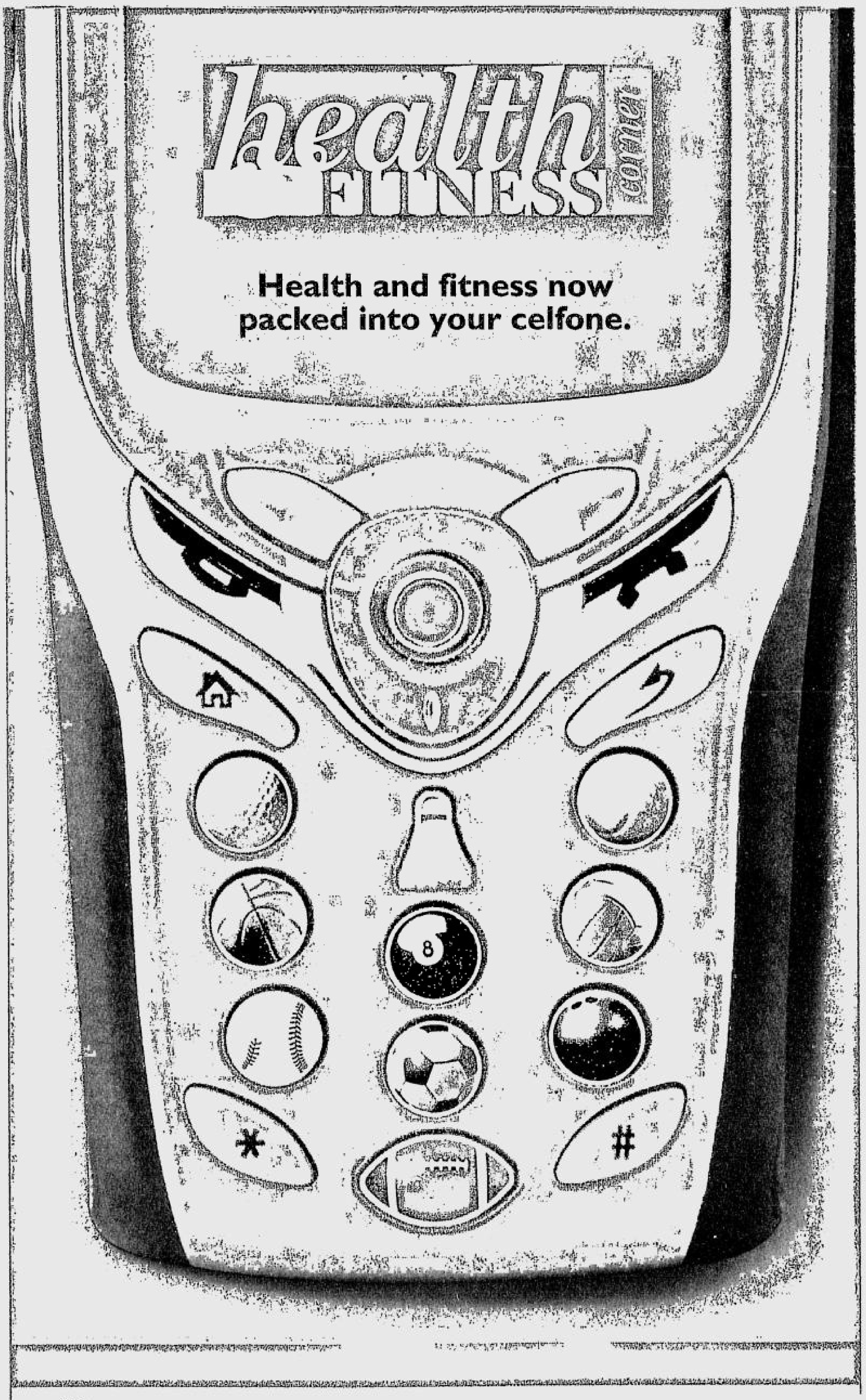

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MEMBERS OF THE WEDDING. The women in the entourage wore non-traditional Rajo Laurel colors of sage, peuce and blue freesia.

A bright-colored match hatched online

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planning to go to the same nightspot with their friends, they decided to meet.

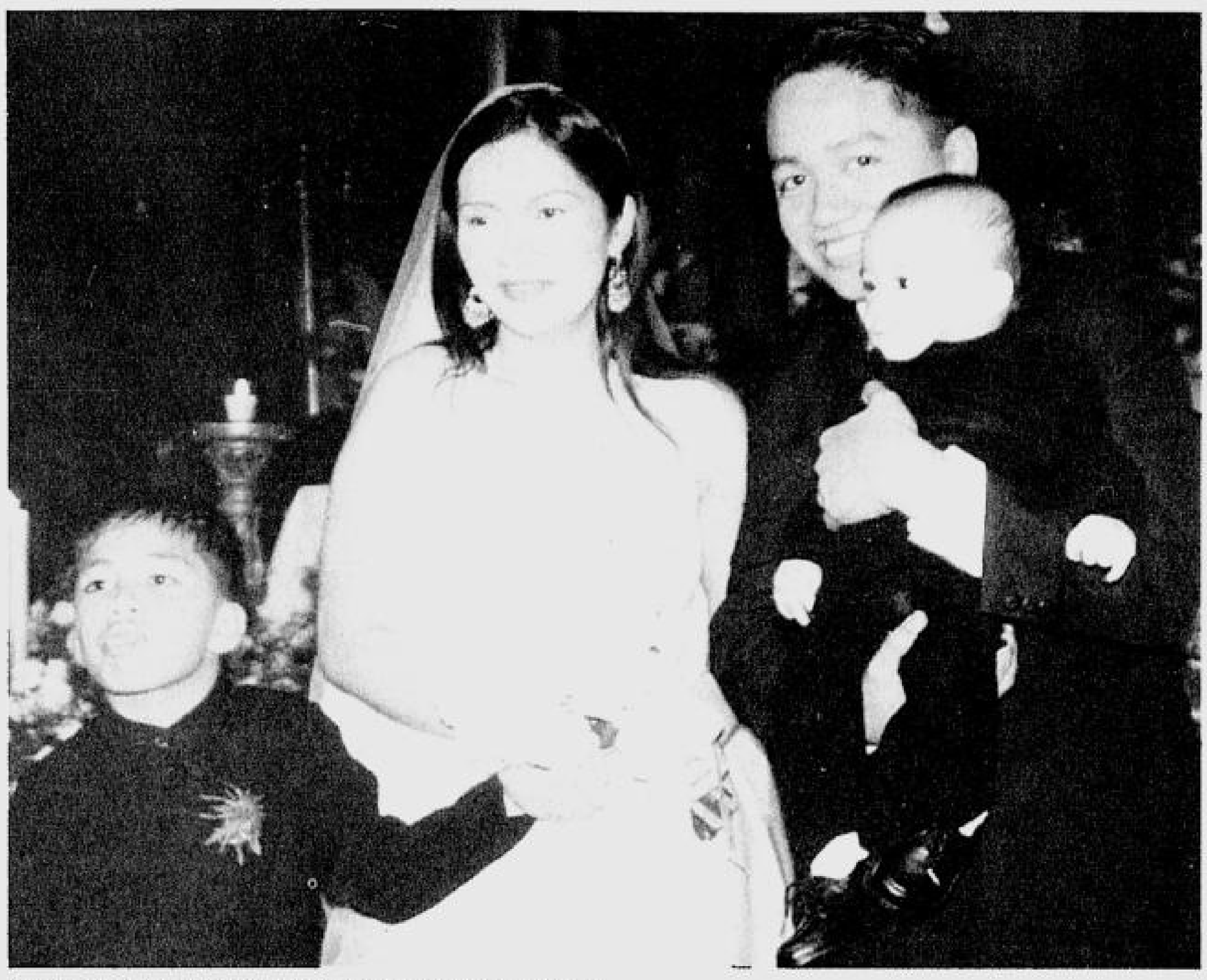
"My friends and I were about to leave Fat Willy's and I still hadn't seen him, so I decided to call. There were too many people and the place was loud. I stepped out and went to a corner so I could hear him clearly. It was strange, because while I was talking to him, I could hear him talking nearby. Then I turned and saw that he was just three feet away from me."

They hugged like they were old friends and instantly felt at ease with each other. Although the attraction was palpable, the turning point for their relationship was when Erwin first met Tiger, Jules' son who was only a year old then.

"That was New Year's Day, and they got together like a house on fire," Jules said. "Now Tiger thinks that Erwin is his dad. In fact, when I first met Erwin, my friend Niño said, 'He looks like your son.' I think that was a sign."

Four years later, while in San Francisco visiting Jules' friend Niño, Erwin got down on his knees and proposed.

"I wanted to go shopping, but they kept insisting that we go to the beach. Niño likes giving gifts, so when we were there he gave us a present. I opened it and saw that it was the Polly Pocket toy that I kept bugging Erwin to get for me. And in one of the slots of the dresser was the ring," Jules recalled.



WE ARE FAMILY. The couple with children Tiger and Nigel

Non-traditional

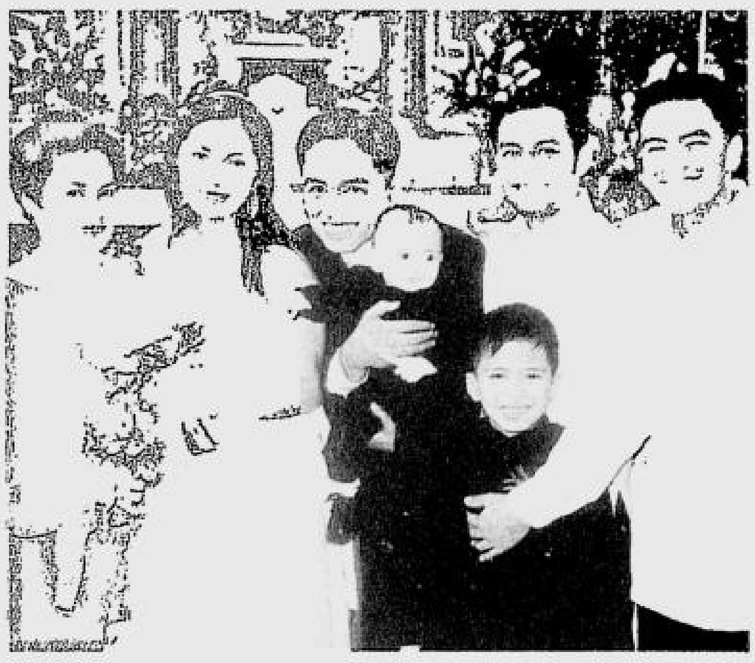
Just a year later, Jules and Erwin's dream of a non-traditional, simple but tasteful wedding turned into reality, with the help of wedding coordinator Rita Neri and so many other people.

The wedding, which was held at the Nuestra Señora Parish in Guadalupe and officiated by Fr. Adolfo Dacanay, SJ, was solemn and memorable. The crowd fell silent as Jules started to walk down the aisle. Her gown, designed by Rajo Laurel, was a simple but stunning fusion of four materials—duchess satin, Mikado, silk gaazar and Swiss organdy. She wore shoes by Lila Almario, and was made up by Juan Sarte.

"One should get married if only to wear a gown by Rajo," the bride quipped.

Laurel, who also designed the gowns of her entourage, played more than just the part of a designer. "He was the one who was with me the last 15 minutes before I walked down the aisle. I was so nervous that I was on the verge of a giggle attack, but he really calmed me down and reminded me to smile, hold my head up high and not to slouch," said Jules.

She barely had any sleep the entire two weeks before the wedding, but this day, Jules was the very picture of grace and beauty. Her groom, meanwhile, was in a Ben Affleck-inspired suit by JC Buendia.



THE COUPLE and their children with the bride's mother, Luzminda Alcantara, and brothers Winston and Junjun

The moment the ceremony started, friends started to wipe tears from their eyes as the bride and groom struggled to control their own tears.

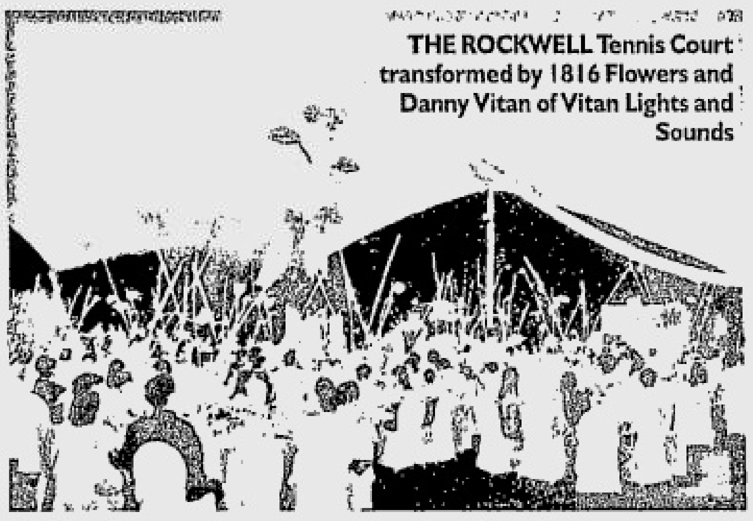
Jules' mom, Luzminda Alcantara, and the groom's parents, Elmer and Esper Yañga, watched with pride as their children took their vows.

The couple's children had roles in the wedding, too, with Thomas Julian Yañga as the ring bearer and Nigel Thomas Yañga as the rosary bearer.

WITH the groom's parents, Esper and Elmer Yañga

After the wedding, people drove to the Rockwell Tennis Court for the remainder of the evening. Guests gasped in delight as they stepped into the reception area. Robert Blancaflor of 1816 Flowers and Danny Vitan of Vitan Lights and Sounds transformed the Rockwell Tennis Court into an elegant but dreamy paradise.

It was a fun wedding; the bride took off her shoes at one point and joined her friends on the dance floor



THE ROCKWELL Tennis Court transformed by 1816 Flowers and Danny Vitan of Vitan Lights and Sounds

THE ENORMOUS presidential table where the couple and their closest friends sat, spruced up by Robert Blancaflor with hydrangeas, green goddess culla lilies, pink phalaenopsis orchids and white roses

Guests had flown in from all over. Jules' mom and brother traveled all the way from Ireland, her best friends arrived from New Jersey, San Francisco and London, and Erwin's cousins journeyed from Japan and Los Angeles to celebrate the couple's special day.

Both Nickie Lopez, the best man, and Crissy Crisostomo, the maid of honor, flew in from the US especially for the wedding.

Guests enjoyed the sumptuous buffet prepared by Via Mare, a feast of Grilled Blue Marlin with Chili Garlic Sauce or Talangka-Fat Sauce and Calamansi Sauce, Rolled Stuffed Chicken with Herbed White Cheese, Ox Tail Kare-Kare, Fried Lumpia Gulay, Ensaladang Mais, Ensaladang Manggang Hilaw at Singkamas, Fresh Fruit Slices and an assortment of native desserts.

The music was provided by Strings Ensemble, 92 AD and QA.

Different

In so many ways, the wedding was different. Even the color motif of sage, peuce and blue freesia was enough of a statement.

"We wanted bright colors, not the traditional pink and gold and silver of weddings," said Jules.

There were even special drinks to match the color motif. The guests enjoyed cosmopolitan, tiffany blue martini and mojitos. Tequila, vodka, wine and champagne also overflowed.

"We wanted it to be fun, with lots of dancing, lots of family and friends, lots of drinking. Erwin and I wanted to have fun at our own wedding," added the bride.

And they did look like they were having fun. Dulce Aristorenas, the reception host, commented about how relaxed the couple looked. At some point, the bride even took off her shoes and joined her friends on the dance floor, while the groom made the rounds, pouring shots for the happy guests.

Indeed, if the wedding was a preview of things to come, they're clearly off to a beautiful, joyous life together.

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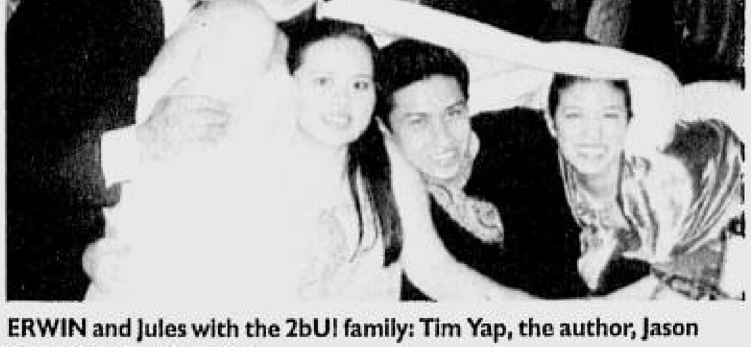
THEIR first dance as a married couple

ERWIN and Jules with their ABS-CBN family



ERWIN and Jules with the 2bU! family: Tim Yap, the author, Jason Doplito and Maui Reyes

Her husband has been unfaithful thrice

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

In our 24 years of marriage, my husband has been unfaithful thrice. All them were short-lived, from a few months to less than two years. My husband swore they were all out of lust and not love, and to show that he is sincere this time, he went with me to join a group for those who want to strengthen their marriage. That made me happy and enabled me to regain my self-esteem. I feel that he has reformed, and even our children notice his sincerity.

The problem now is that the past continues to haunt me. I feel jealous and mad whenever I think of his intimate moments with those women, and I feel paranoid when I watch movies or hear stories about infidelity. Whenever he detects those feelings in me, he would tell me that I had forgiven him and I should therefore forget the past. Even our children call me "historian" because I tend to dwell on the past.

Am I overacting, or just having difficulty trusting him again?

MS FLASHBACK

Give yourself a little more time to recover, since you were the one who was hurt most—and hurt thrice

A wife may forgive her husband's infidelity, but it is unreasonable to expect her to forget about it. Memories of betrayal of that scale are indelible.

But while they cannot be completely erased, such memories can be tamed so that they stop gnawing at her heart and mind. And if the infidelity had indeed been sincerely forgiven, then in time the wife learns to live with those memories without being hurt by them.

So give yourself a little more time, and don't worry too much if your husband and your children are quite ready to move on while you're not. After all, you were the one who was hurt most—and hurt thrice—so it should not be surprising if you need more time to recover.

In some cases, another reason that keeps a wife from trusting her husband anew is lack of confidence that she is good enough for him. In those cases, the wife feels that the fault, or much of it, lies not in the husband but in her. And because she feels that she had not become more desirable since his dalliance with other women, he will soon be tempted away again by someone younger or more exciting.

So, aside from needing more time to tame your memories, do you also feel like that wife? If you do, then improve your appearance and your attitude. Remember, though, that you should only improve yourself, not remake yourself into someone you can never be.

Remember, too, that no matter how exciting you may become, there will always be someone more exciting than you, and it is useless to spend the rest of your life competing.

Remember most of all that there might really be no need for such competition, because if you are good enough for your husband to come back to, then, just as you are or with a few improvements here and there, you're also good enough to keep him.

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Unifem holds two pre-Christmas bazaars

THE UNITED Nations Development Fund for Women (Unifem) Philippine Committee will hold two bazaars this year: on Sunday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Makati Sports Club, L.P. Leviste (formerly Alfaro) corner Gallardo Sts., Salcedo Village, Makati City.

Proceeds from the bazaars will support projects under Unifem's empowerment agenda for Filipino women.

The bazaar will feature new and unusual items as well as traditional bestsellers. To be offered are jewelry, antiques, art pieces and icons, authentic Matryoshka hand-painted dolls from Russia, Cambodian hand-painted silver items, Buddhas and authentic decorative pieces from Thailand and China, Spanish fans, silk and exotic fabrics from India, picture frames and figurines fashioned from *lahar*, embroidered children's dresses, RTWs and export over-runs, leather and beaded bags, quilted items, ethnic products stoneware and shellcraft, Christmas decorations and ornaments, gift and novelty items, homemade delicacies and many more.

Lunch and *merienda* will be available throughout the day. All major credit cards will be accepted. Entrance tickets at P50 each will be sold at the gate.

The bazaar committee is headed by Unifem president Beng Puyat as chair. Co-chairs are Olga Severino Martel (Unifem chair), Virma Vergel de Dios and Alma Calleja with Monica Aveo, Baby de Jesus, Leny Gutierrez, Enriqueta Doble, Carol Balotro, Conchita Ocampo, Flor Riquiera, Lisa Alvendia, Cynthia Henson, Desi Tomas, Carmen Africa, Cora Manimbo, Mabel Abano and Linda Panlilio as members.

Those interested to join the bazaar can contact AJ or Lourdes at 8106703, Luz at 5318381 or 5319465, and Mary Ann at 7221464.

FCCP HOLDS PRE-CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
The Friends for Cultural Concerns of the Philippines (FCCP) is holding its annual pre-Christmas grand bazaar on Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the World Trade Center, CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. This fundraising activity is headed by director Mellie Ablaza, chair Elizabeth Cristobal, co-chairs Karen Macasaet and Tess Castro with members Charlie Lim and Nene Leonor. Call Angie at 8173905/ 8170670/0920-9044279. Photo shows Cez Manalo, Mellie Ablaza, Chloe Romulo-Periquet (FCCP president), Elizabeth Cristobal, Nene Leonor, Karen Macasaet and Tess Castro.

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Young girls today are faced with so many challenges. The demands of school, pressures of parents and peers all make teenage life quite difficult. Add to this the many changes they experience emotionally, socially, and physically and all these tend to manifest in teenage skin. In fact, this is the one phase in their lives that their skin is plagued with so many problems-oil, pimples, blackheads, uneven skin tone, and rough skin. Luckily, Pond's understands this challenging time in a teenage girl's life and has developed a one-of-a-kind solution to these problems.

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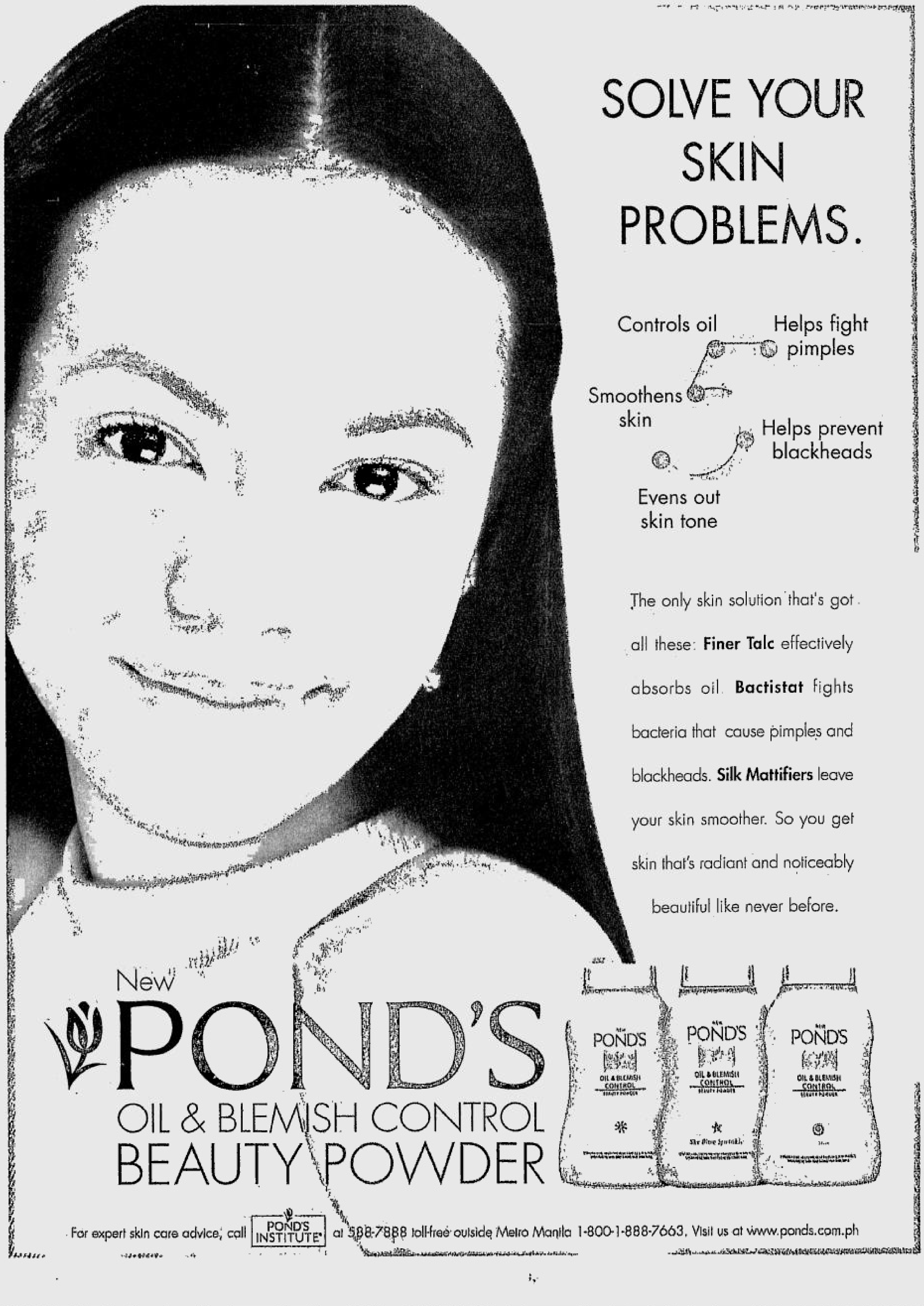

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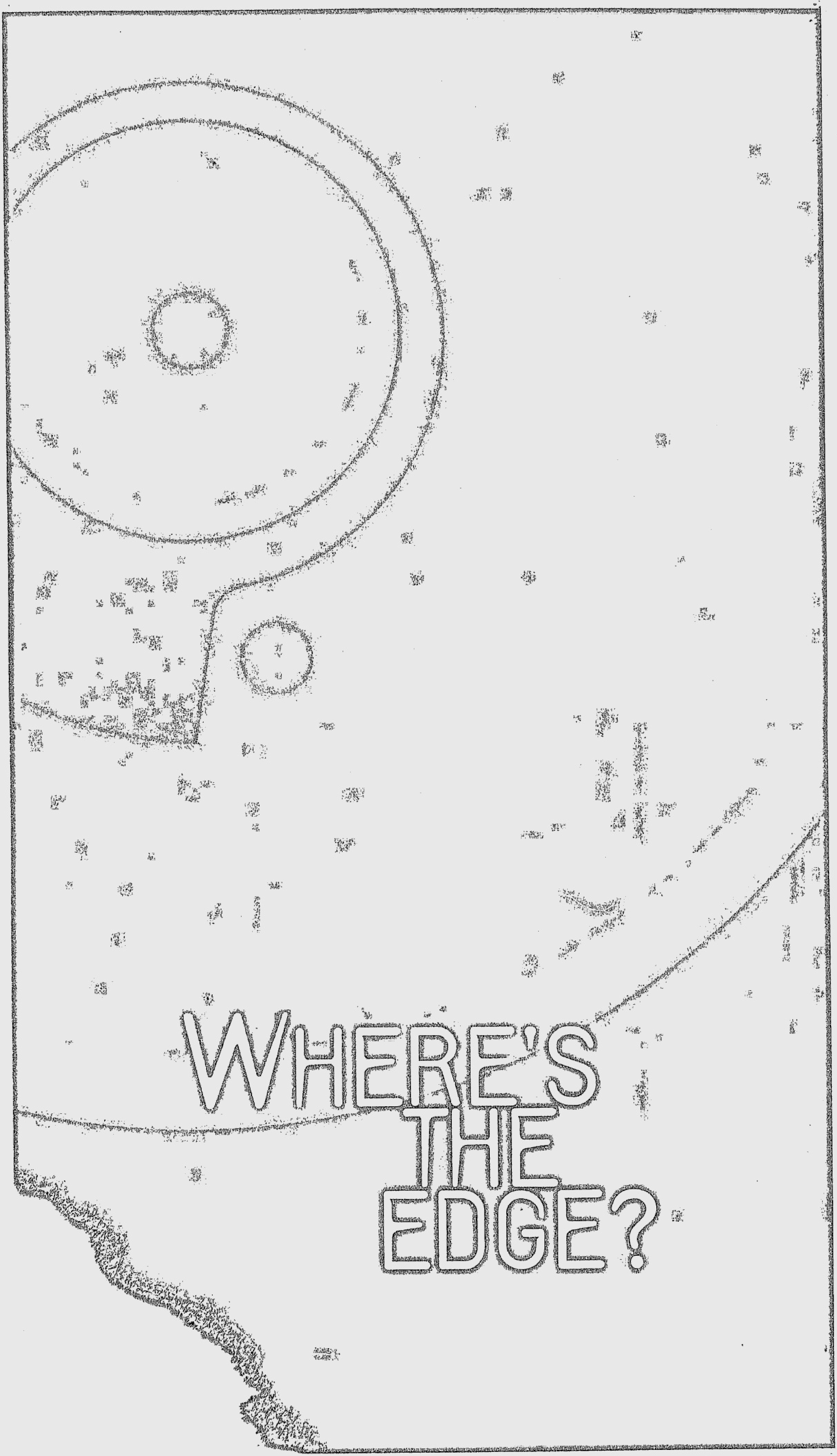
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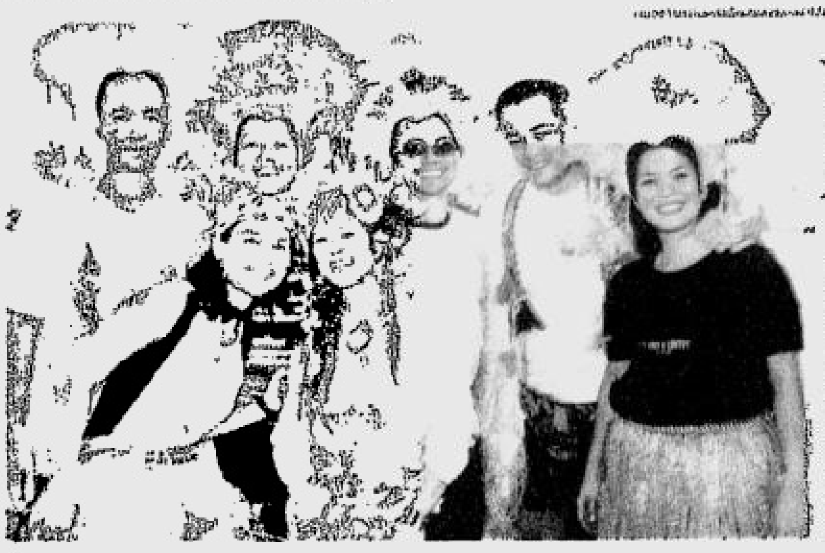

TRUE urban athletes and alcoholics. Marty and Udsie Villarica, Jeena and Ernie Lopez, Vince and Eileen Grey with Sea Princess

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

STRONG finishers Team Yoga Vibes after the race. Ana Palabyab, Amanda Carpo, Howard Vitas, Raymond and Carlo Rufino, Kris Mijares, Jonjon Rufino and Tim Yap

Life begins at 40, really

IT'S great to be 40. I beg to disagree with the "over the hill" moniker for my new age group. Age is a matter of attitude. Moreover, it's your own perspective in life that brings you through. So I live more along the line of the adage "life begins at . . ."

And of course, if all else fails, there is always science to alter reality. I am not as fearless as my bosom buddy **Kris Aquino**, though. We have been discussing "scientific ways" of looking younger for a long time now but I always chicken out. Instead, I have decided to just defy the aging process by getting into shape. I do almost all the athletic stuff possible, short of bungee jumping.

Just this year, I have climbed Mt. Pulag, finished two-thirds of an Olympic triathlon, completed an X-terra triathlon (half the Olympic distance but more challenging) and participated in an eight-hour endurance adventure race—all these aside from my golf and scuba-diving activities.

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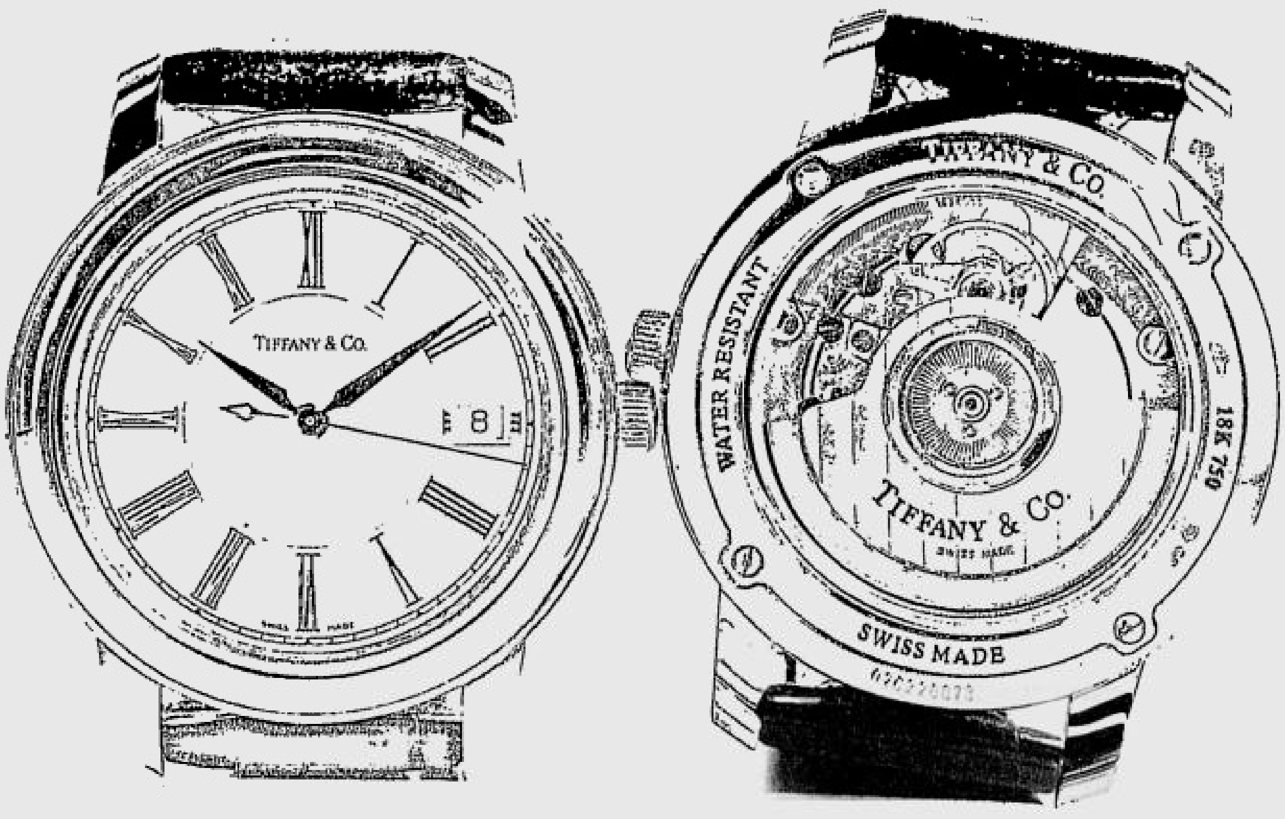

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TEAM Golf Glam hoists Sandy Romualdez 30 feet up in the air; Jay Lagdameo, Jovi Zalamea, Crispy Laurel and Joy Lagdameo pull.

STRETCHING those muscles before the "Amazing Race," with Tim Yap in his red pants, grass skirt and lei

Life begins at 40, really

BLADE Lopez goes Hawaiian with his folks, Ernie and Jeena.

REFEREE Angelette Calero on center field with Leah Puyat and aloha beauty

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So for my 40th bash, what better way to celebrate than with an "Amazing Race" tied in with a bit of "Fear Factor"? I called my birthday event the Sea Princess Fear of Forty Factor Race. I challenged and later coerced my extended family, including cousins to the nth degree, and friends to participate in my eight-member team event at the Manila Polo Club.

Each team was named for things associated with me, such as Team Urban Diva and Team Golf Glam. Participants were told to come in a team get-up which would win major prizes (of course, that's a given since I was the organizer and in control of the prizes).

Best costume

Team Boa Feathers won best team costume, with their combat chic complete with rebel arm bands and firepower from **Andy Jacinto**'s Airsoft game. They even provided a bolero jacket for me to wear as an honorary member of their team. Also sporting fun, colorful costumes was Team Yoga Vibes, with their grass skirts and leis which they ran with throughout the race.

To make the race more authentic, I leaned on the expertise of Lubid, a company that handles team building and other HR-training courses. They provided cool tasks such as a giant catapult and a rappelling-style fly away. This latter mission involved having team members hoisted 30 feet off the ground, pulled up by the other members.

I also provided Extreme-style parlor games with the help of the Polo Club staff, such as horseback-to-back riding, blindfold tennis and... for the "Fear Factor" element, I had them walk through horse manure, dig for clues in the compost area and pull out worms from a pail.

But as an added feature to my glam race, the teams had the option to drink Absolut Vodka (thanks to **Joey Mendoza** and **Vince Santos**) instead of doing the task. So you can imagine how many drunk pseudo-athletes were running around Polo that afternoon.

Weeks before the main event, I was scouting around for players and ended up with an amazingly high number of participants. A total of 80 family members and friends signed up to compete. **Angelette Calero** decided to just be the referee since she didn't feel fit enough. **Kitty Jacinto** wanted to be fielded to a strong team so she would be the weakest link. **Nannette de Leon** said her asset would be her fighting spirit. **Mon Marchan** was scared to join, thinking he might have to eat all the disgusting food and carry the vanity bags of his teammates. **Patrick Reyno** was intimidated at first but became a strong member of Team Hair Spray, all geared in striking orange.

Days before the Saturday race, there was a storm. Calling for divine intervention, friend and client Mila Lacson sent eggs to Sisters of St. Clare. And to cover all sectors, Popsie Gamboa donated to the Chinese temple. Believe me, the sun was shining that day!

> In defiance of the creeping tentacles of age, the social butterfly holds a race as amazing for its madness as its glam gear and glam drinks

Wow luau

With majority of the party guests sore but happy after the race, the awarding ceremony was a Hawaiian luau with "The Closet Queen" performance. The evening was planned with the help of **Popsie Gamboa** and her creative team. **Victor Simeon**, the florist, arranged half-coconut husks with birds of paradise and other tropical flowers. I even had a production designer, **Marlon Garcia**, who placed a huge waterfall feature in the set-up.

The prizes were donated by my close friends. What are friends for anyway, right? So I had Nivea products from **Keren Pascual**, Anonymous stuff from **Ricco** and **Tina Ocampo**, Bench hair products from **Ben Chan** (who unfortunately couldn't make it), Cereo candles from **Anton Barretto**, The Picture Company certificates from Eileen Grey and Swatch watches from **Virgie Ramos**. But the cutest giveaways were my Russ Berrie black panther stuffed toys, dressed up and personalized by Virgie R's Gift Gate staff. Each panther came with a lei and a tag saying "Believe in yourself!" But the Tagalog version is more me, I think, *"Bilib sa sarili!"*

The event truly was a symbolic way of starting a new leaf in my life. A race like this makes you realize we have so much to thank for. Keeping fit should be the order of the day. Unfortunately, there was too much excitement for my cousin-in-law, **Jake Uichico**. He collapsed at the beginning of the race, but he is recovering very well and we all are praying for him so he can race again at my 50th birthday triathlon! So getting old does not mean getting weak. Like I said, it's all in the

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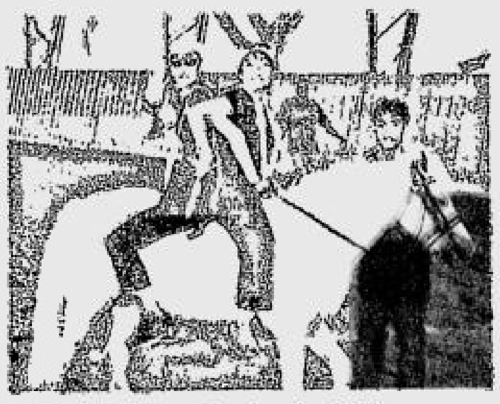
TEAM False Eyelashes in winning form. Jacques Dupasquier, Emily Siy, Joanne Duarte, Pepper Teehankee, JR Isaac, Rosan Cruz and Capt. Mon Marchan

BEST in bikini and lei contest with the Closet Queens. The brave finalists were Max Geronimo, Mon Marchan, Jacques Dupasquier, Dave Valdes, Cowboy Santos and Tim Yang.

THE HAWAIIAN Closet Queens literally cross-dress with my macho guests like Dave Valdes.

ALOHA! Long-time friends Tim and Pinky Yang, Rica and Max Geronimo

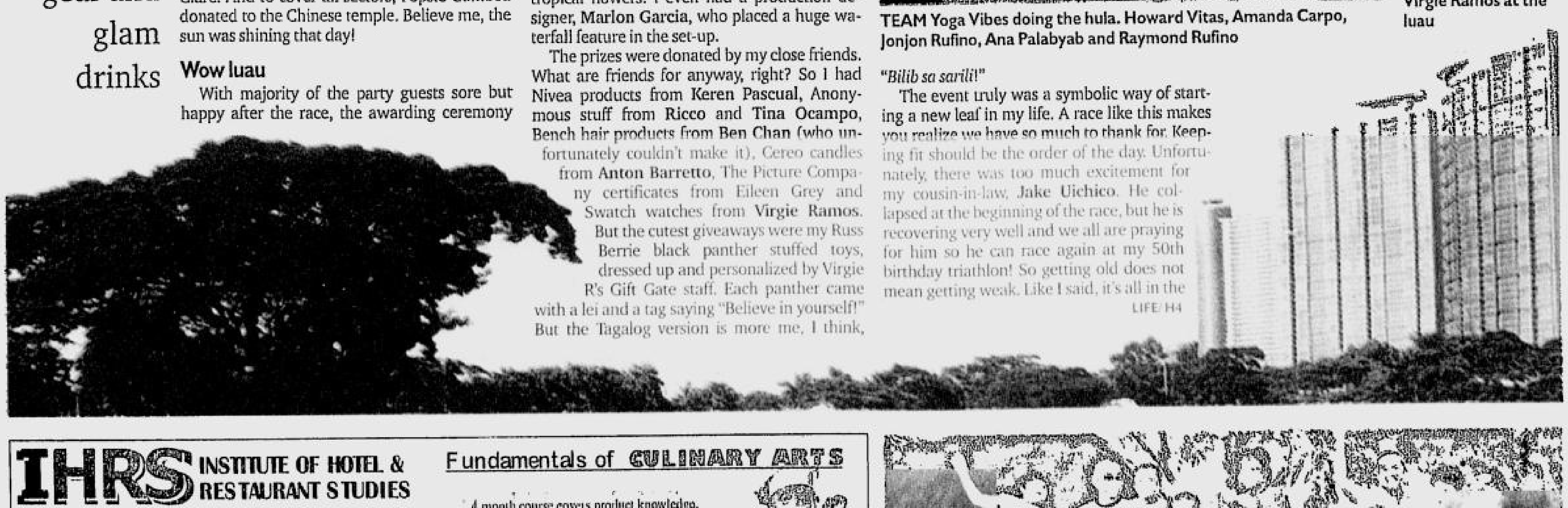
TEAM Boa Feathers with their Russ panther stuff toy giveaways. Cowboy Santos, Nannette de Leon, Malu Gamboa, Kitty Jacinto, Leica Carpo and Tintin Reyes



HORSING around back to back. Nannette de Leon and Malu Gamboa of Team Boa Feathers

TEAM Yoga Vibes doing the hula. Howard Vitas, Amanda Carpo, Jonjon Rufino, Ana Palabyab and Raymond Rufino

GIFT Gate glam. Virgie Ramos at the luau



SEA Princess Wacky Race participants facing the challenge of the " Fear of 40 Factor" at the Manila Polo Club

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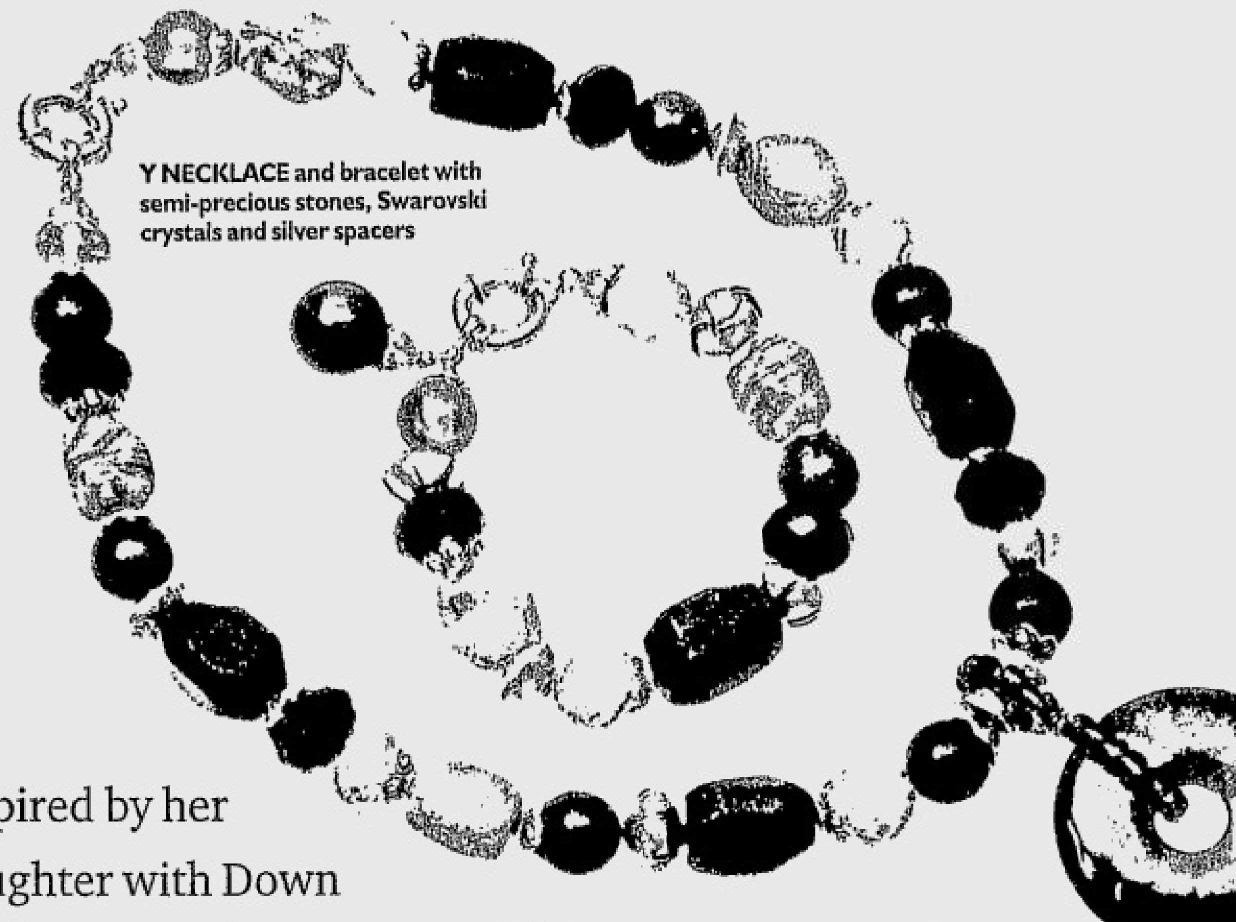

Y NECKLACE and bracelet with semi-precious stones, Swarovski crystals and silver spacers

MALU Tiongson-Ortiz with 16-year-old Clarisse. Malu wears earrings and necklace of red corals, Swarovski crystals, glass beads and sterling silver. Clarisse dons a necklace of turquoise, Swarovski crystals and sterling silver.

BRACELETS made of Swarovski crystals, pearls and sterling silver

Inspired by her daughter with Down Syndrome, Malu Tiongson-Ortiz relives a passion for bead jewelry

Dearest beads

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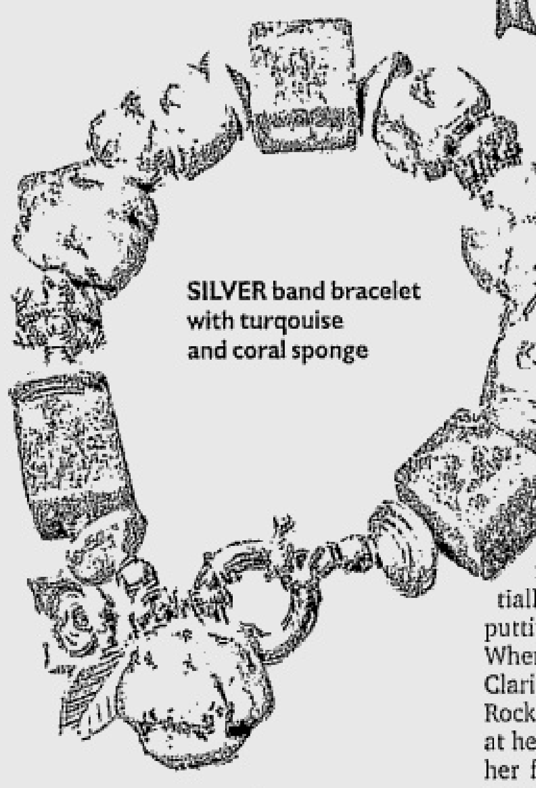


SILVER band bracelet with turquoise and coral sponge

INTERIOR designer Malu Tiongson-Ortiz didn't like wearing fashion accessories until she purchased a starter kit with colorful beads, clasps, and strings for Clarisse, her 16-year-old daughter who has Down Syndrome.

"I thought it would be very good for Clarisse to practice her motor skills," Ortiz says.

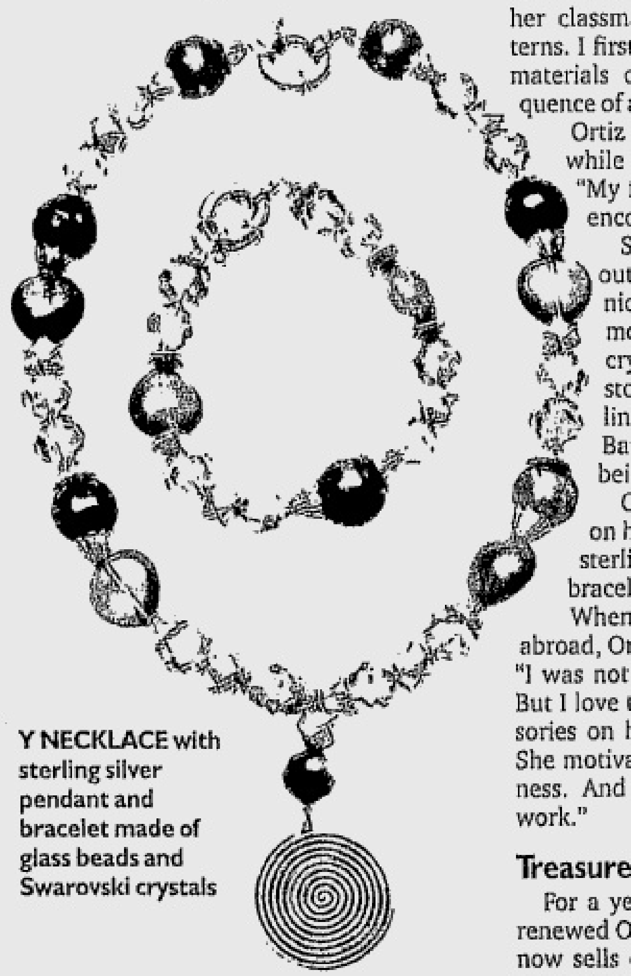
Clarisse was so excited upon seeing the starter kit that she was able to finish a bracelet in 30 minutes. "But initially, her hands were trembling while putting string on the needle," Ortiz says. When bead jewelry-making became part of Clarisse's curriculum at Stepping Stones in Rockwell, Makati, her teacher was so amazed at her skill. "Her training at home has helped her finish bracelets and necklaces ahead of her classmates. She can easily follow patterns. I first make a sample. Then I place the materials on a table according to the sequence of a design," Ortiz relates.

Ortiz initially made six pieces of jewelry while she taught her daughter the art. "My friends' appreciation of my works encouraged me to create more."

Since her works were always sold out, Ortiz realized that there was a niché for bead jewelry. After a few months, she imported Swarovski crystals, glass beads, semi-precious stones, pearls and handmade sterling silver from Hong Kong and Bangkok. "It's one way of avoiding being copied by other bead makers."

Ortiz also puts a signature accent on her works—a rose and leaf made of sterling silver attached to the lock of bracelets and necklaces.

When looking for materials in stores abroad, Ortiz already imagines their designs. "I was not fond of fashion accessories then. But I love to dress up Clarisse and put accessories on her. She has been my inspiration. She motivates me to make good in this business. And she loves watching me while I work."



Y NECKLACE with sterling silver pendant and bracelet made of glass beads and Swarovski crystals

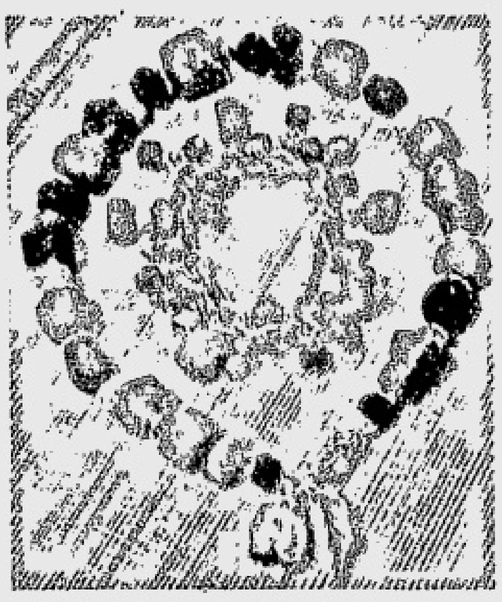
Treasured hobby

For a year now, bead jewelry-making has renewed Ortiz's passion for an old hobby. She now sells earrings, bracelets, necklaces and watches under the brand name Clarisse at fashion stores in Metro Manila and Cebu. "Hard work and a willingness to handle the not-so-fun aspects of running a business are what spell success," she says. "Done right, a hobby business can provide you with a great living—and an even greater source of joy. I am as enthusiastic about it today as I was the day I started."

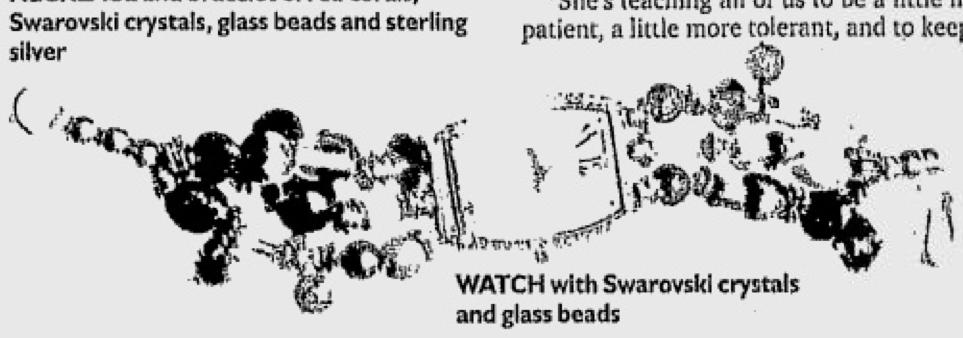
Meanwhile, bead jewelry has taught Clarisse to be creative, Ortiz says. "She also draws figures very well in an abstract manner. She's fond of bright colors. I think it's her way of expressing her feelings." Clarisse can only write her name and uses sign language when communicating.

Clarisse may have Down Syndrome, but she doesn't let any of that stop her from enjoying life. She keeps smiling, laughing and patting the faces of her parents and older brothers Carlo, 23, and Paulo, 19, with her fat little hands.

"She's teaching all of us to be a little more patient, a little more tolerant, and to keep on trying, especially when things are hard for us," the mother says.



NECKLACE and bracelet of red corals, Swarovski crystals, glass beads and sterling silver



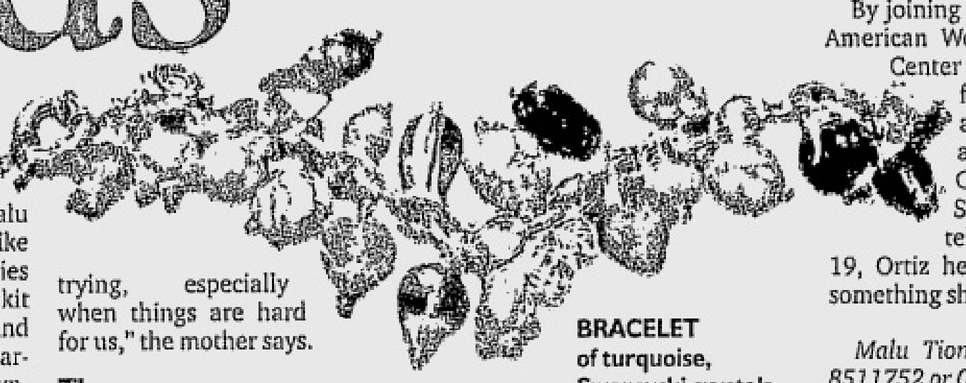
WATCH with Swarovski crystals and glass beads

Therapy

For Ortiz, jewelry bead-making serves as therapy. "It has taught me to relax and control my moods and helped me release tension."

Ortiz occupies a small corner in their room where she buckles down to work on weekdays. It used to be the working area of Claro, her lawyer-husband. Clarisse's nanny Bing Ojeno helps her. But it was her former nanny, Nene Vilbar, who was a great help in hooking charms to necklaces and bracelets.

The pieces, whose prices range from P300 to P3,000, are one-of-a-kind. "When I make a piece of jewelry, I don't think of the price because it will limit design possibilities. I just focus on how to make it beautiful and sell it on its merits."



BRACELET of turquoise, Swarovski crystals, pearls, glass beads and silver charms

By joining fundraising bazaars such as the American Women's bazaar at World Trade Center on Sept. 23, the Unifem's fundraiser at Makati Sports Club and the Assumption College alumnae's bazaar at Hotel Inter-Continental in Makati, both on Sept. 28, and Casa y Jardin at Hotel Inter-Continental, Oct. 5 and 19, Ortiz helps those in need while doing something she enjoys.

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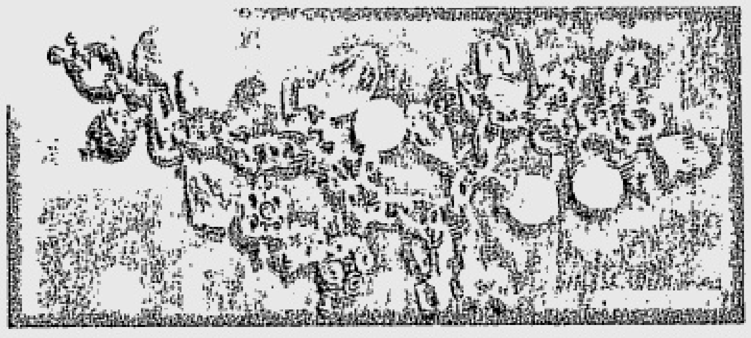

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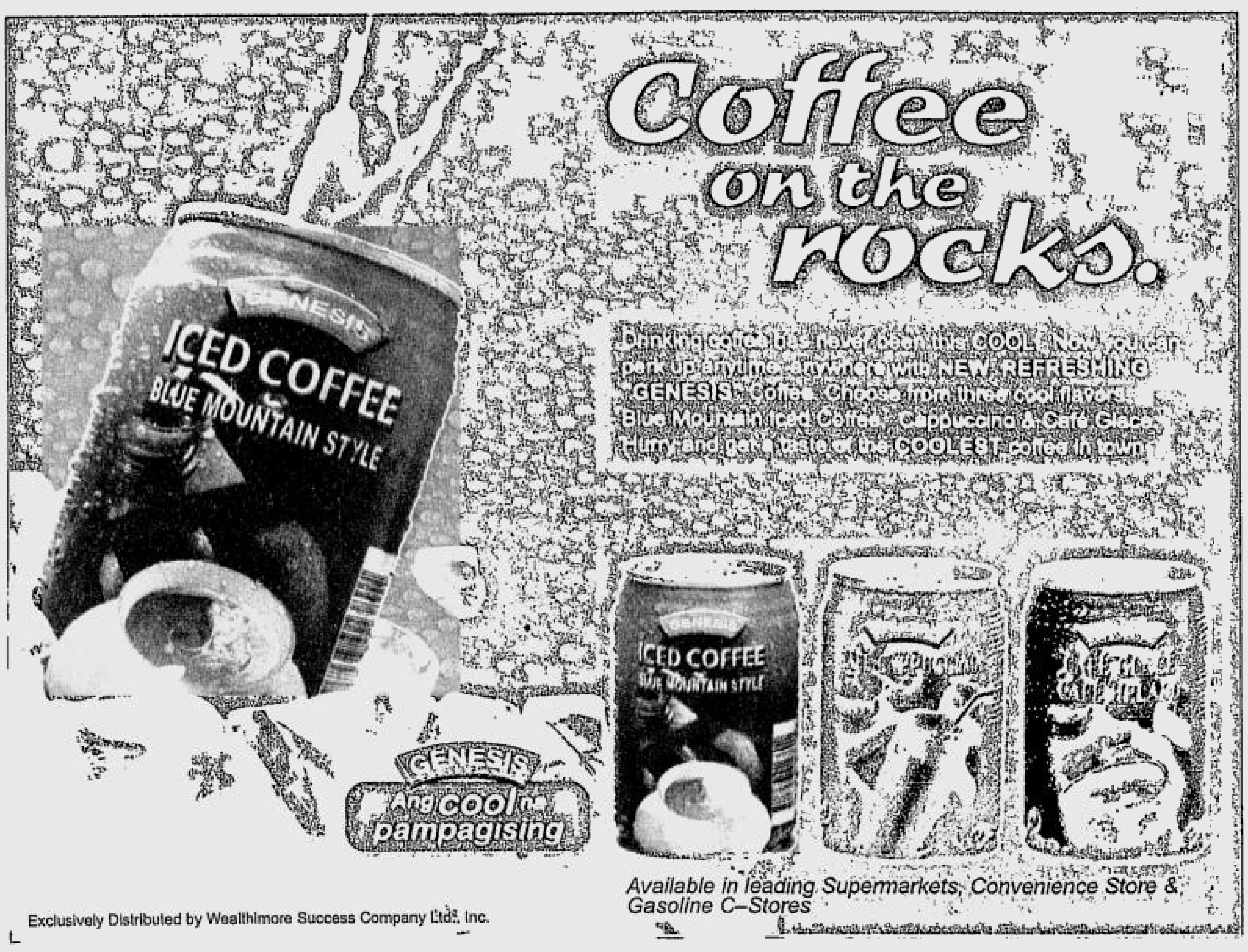

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TALENTED glass artist Imelda Pangan beside her water sculpture

PIPAY talent. Pops Fernandez squeezed between her hefty boys, Ram and Robin Nievera

Life begins at 40 . . .

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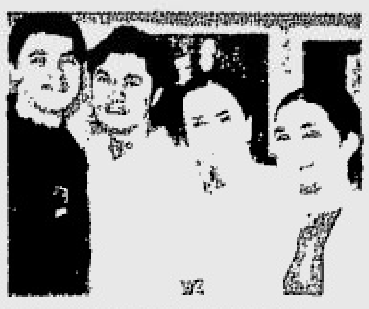
mind.

Busy socials

Aside from all the racing around during my birthday week, I was busy with other social affairs. **Pops Fernandez** opened another branch of her Pipay store on the 5th floor of Shangri-La Plaza Mall. Her shop is just steps away from my Urban Spa, so I told her we will do joint inspections soon. Her funky clothes and bags are actually her designs, too. What a talented busybody.



HAPPY Martinez clan at the Pipay shop: Alfonso, Albert, Liezl and Alyssa

I was also the guest of honor at the glass/water sculpture exhibit of **Imelda Pangan** at the Ayala Museum. This very creative, Davao-based artist makes beautiful works of art done in glass and infused with wood. Her sculptures are currently on display at the temporary exhibit hall of the museum at the Glorietta 2. Because I love water features in my house, I purchased several pieces at the exhibit, of course.

As if all this social running around wasn't enough, for the first time in my 40 years, I was a guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Makati Forbes. I don't really know why **Efren** and **Claire Palabyab** asked me, but I think it was their Anns Day so I spoke about interior design and feng shui. I just made sure there weren't any authentic Chinese geomancers in the audience to contest my presentation.

With all the many surprise parties thrown by my dearest family and friends, I know I have been truly blessed these past 40 years. So much so that I can hardly wait to live the next 40!

Email me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph.

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First cathedral of the new millennium

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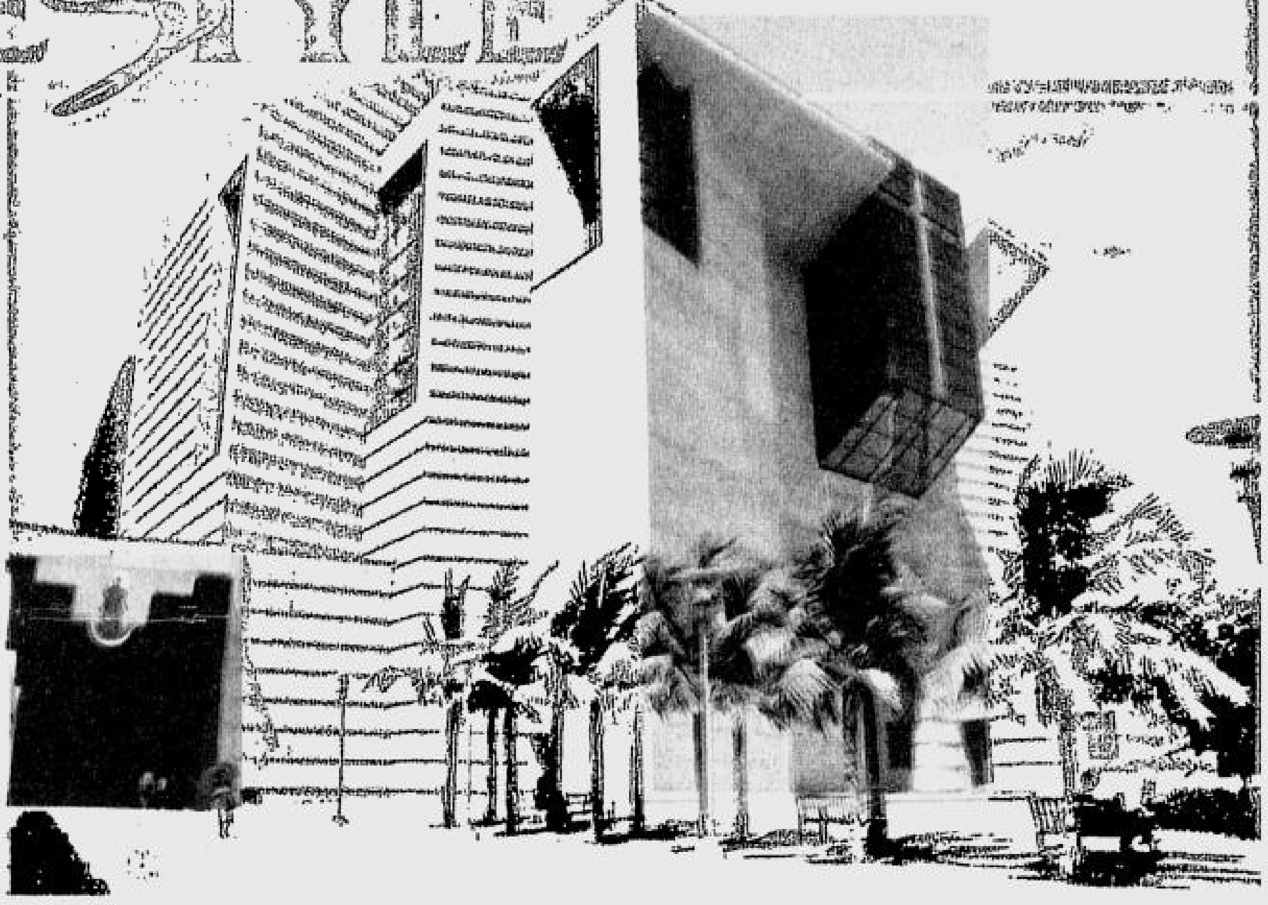

A VIEW of the cathedral from the gateway pool in the main courtyard entrance

LOS ANGELES—"*Ibibigay ko sa iyo ang tubig na nagbibigay buhay.*"

To come across these Tagalog words, etched on dazzling white marble, water from a fountain flowing constantly over the italic letters, is refreshing on a particularly hot summer noon downtown.

After passing under a 37-bell *carillon* from the street or emerging from the underground parking, visitors to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels are welcomed by this gateway pool on which Jesus' words to the Samaritan woman, "I shall give you living water," are inscribed in Tagalog and 36 other languages.

A year after it opened, this cathedral designed by Jose Rafael Moneo, winner of the Pritzker prize (the Pulitzer of architecture) and former chair of the Harvard Graduate School of Design's architecture department, has become an oasis that draws Catholic and non-Catholic visitors from Los Angeles, the rest of the US and around the world.

The adobe-hued structure is the world's first new Catholic cathedral to be built in the third millennium and the first cathedral to be built in the Western United States in the last 30 years. It is built to last at least 500 years and withstand the strongest earthquake known to the Richter scale.

Cardinal Roger Mahony, who shepherded the project to reality, clearly envisioned this project along the lines of the great cathedrals of the world.

Beyond these impressive descriptions, the cathedral aptly located on Temple Street succeeds on its basic goal.

Mahony and Madrid-based Moneo, with LA's Leo A Daly Architects, intended a place that offered an opportunity for "journey to and through light." The journey begins by the relaxing gateway pool and water wall by Lita Albuquerque, one of the artists commissioned to create art for the cathedral.

As the cathedral's liturgical and public art consultant, award-winning church designer Fr. Richard Vosko supervised the commissions.

From this site, one gets a full view of the exterior of the cathedral, which some have criticized as "fortress-like." It is a mass of concrete highlighted by a cross, but given Moneo's inspiration—the earlier mission churches in California that are insular—one understands.

The plaza in front of the cathedral is vast and can be overwhelming. However, when one focuses on the Great Bronze Doors (located untraditionally on the left, not on the center) beckoning its welcome, the personal perspective resumes.

Angels

A masterpiece by sculptor Robert Graham, the doors with a statue of Our Lady of the Angels hovering above are among the most popular adornments of the cathedral since it

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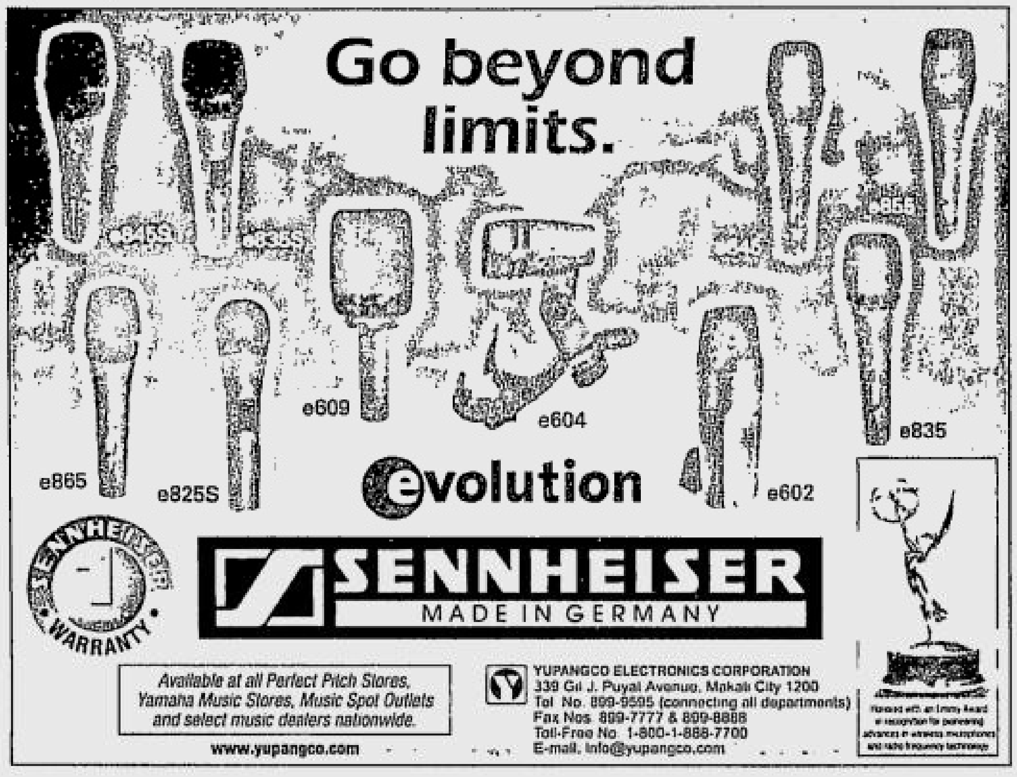

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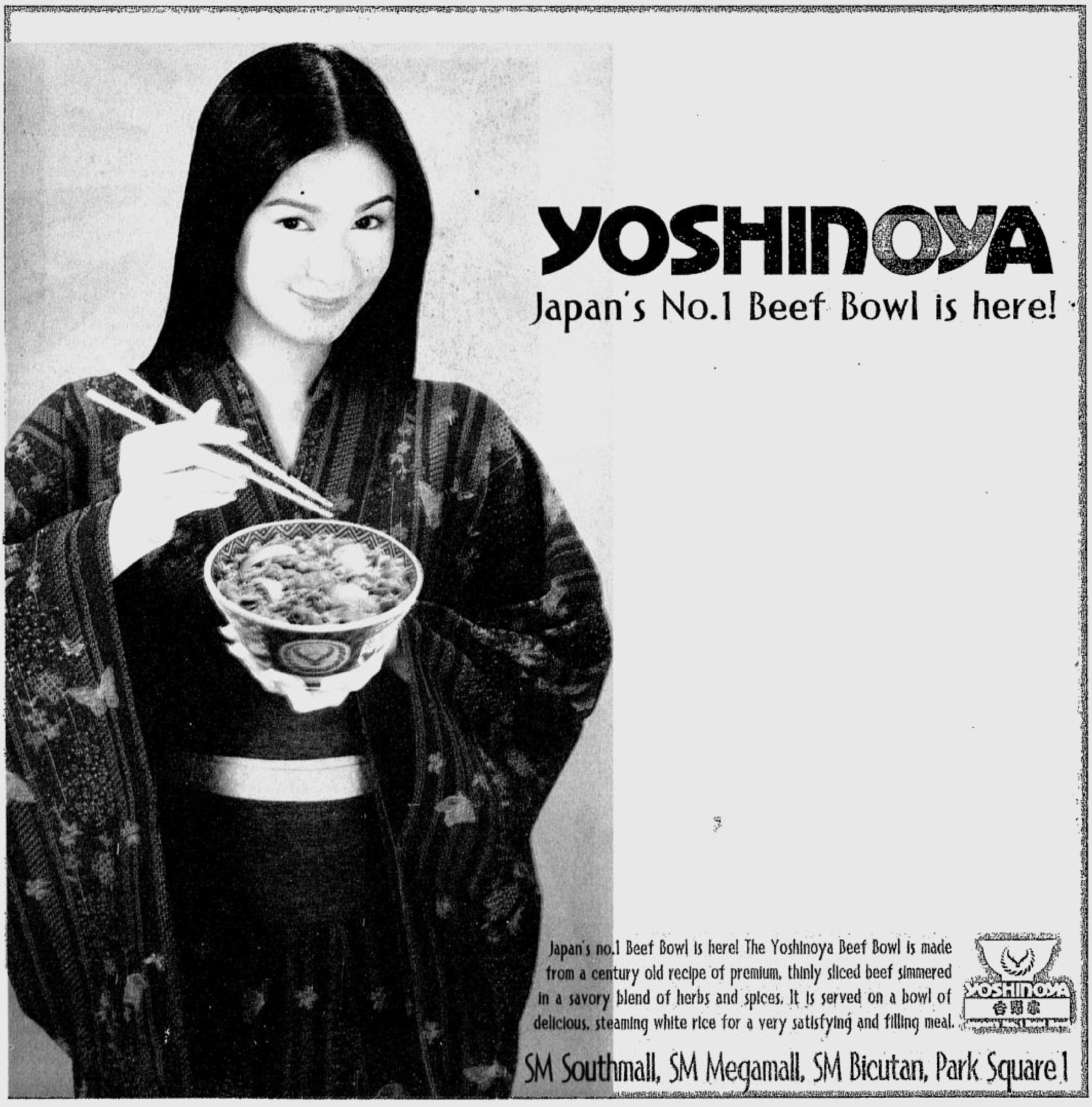

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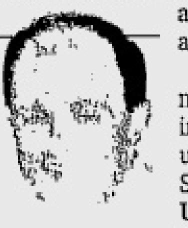
L'Ordre Mondial forms Cebu chapter



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Jaime Picornell

L'ORDRE Mondial des Gourmets des Degustateurs is an organization within La Chaine des Rotisseurs which recently formed a *grand chapitre* in Cebu headed by **Michel Lhuillier.**

An "enthronement" ceremony was held at Del Sol in the Cebu City Waterfront Hotel for this occasion, with **Fred Frank Fricke** swearing in members and officers to their duties. Instead of a sword, which he normally uses for La Chaine inductions, Fricke used a wand from an old vine.

Dondi Joseph acted as the evening's master of ceremonies. Two ladies stood out—**Amparito Lhuillier,** who is Baili of La Chaine in Cebu; and her cousin **Tita Trillo,** who heads L'Ordre in Manila and flew into town for this important occasion.

TRADE and Industry Secretary Mar Roxas with Tony and Grace Lozada

Needless to say, excellent wines from the Trillo enterprise were served throughout the dinner.

Although L'Ordre holds events less formal and more casual than those of La Chaine, this one, being so important, had all the trappings of a very elegant occasion. The excellence of the food prepared matched the festive milestone.

First course was a baby lobster salad with fennel dressing, followed by a Pigeon Consomme laced with oven-baked mushrooms. The little glass of sherry that went with it was poured and mixed on the broth with fantastic results. A mangosteen sorbet prepared the guests' tastebuds for what would be next.

Those were fillets of roast duck with cherry sauce, accompanied by *duchesse* potatoes, red cabbage and assorted very green vegetables. For dessert, there was a parfait of chocolate and GrandMarnier.

Guests lingered on for more witty repartee during coffee and *friandises* until well into the night. Some sought out **David Ugarte** for a preview of what he'd serve at the next La Chaine dinner, which will be held in his own restaurant, David's. He just smiled and said it was being planned, but Amparito gave a hint that it would be French.

The Atillos are home

Florentino "Boboy" Atillo III and his lovely wife **Irma** live in Temecula, California, most of the year. But they do make periodic visits to Cebu, home sweet home, since they have business interests here. Their offices are housed in a magnificent building reminiscent of a Greek temple in Mactan. An architectural masterpiece by **Tessie Javier,** it also includes a roof garden for celebrations.

On their latest visit, Boboy and Irma were with their children—Nico, who helps with the business, and Melissa, who is a successful fashion designer in California. She also sings beautifully and dances the flamenco with Latin flair.

Tessie Javier hosted a dinner for them at her home, making sure their favorite Cebuano dishes—succulent *lechon,* prawns, noodles, etc.—were on the buffet.

Her mom, **Laling Pages Javier,** joined in and regaled everyone with tales of how she survived the sinking of the ship "Corregidor" during the Japanese war and found her way to Cebu island-hopping from Bataan to the Visayas.

Long farewells were done in the dew-strewn lawn, redolent with the fragrance of *sampaguitas* and jasmine in bloom. "When do we all meet again for more stories?" everyone asked. Boboy was quick to say, "Friday at F-3, wild boar on the menu."

F-3 is his building in Mactan, and the wild boar was expressly obtained in Mindanao for the occasion. There was a grand piano, too, with Irma tinkling away and Melissa starting a much-applauded performance with "La vie en rose."

L'ORDRE Mondial in Cebu. Front row: David Ugarte, Tita Trillo, Fred Frank Fricke, Amparito and Michel Lhuillier, Mila Demecillo, Teresa Borja, Nestor Alonso and Derek Dytian. Back row: Dondi Joseph, Gabriel Palmer, Mayen Tan, Kenneth Lim, Richard Uysiuseng, Efren Belarmino, Tony Lozada and Jericho Sungahid

AFTER a wild boar dinner and with their Lillian bags: Menchu Rodriguez Salas (Philippine Ambassador to Prague), Pinky Chang, Annie Osmeña Aboitiz, Irma Atillo, Mila Antunez Wales, Cecilia Rodriguez, Teresing Mendezona and Tessie Javier

Jingle Esmero tiptoed in, bent over Irma's ear and whispered, "The bags." That was a sort of clue for the program to end and for Irma to present the ladies with one-of-a-kind evening bags her sister **Lillian Lim Abella** makes for export.

The bags had been flown expressly from Davao. Each lady got a bag, and happily posed for a photo to immortalize the occasion.

New Rotary officers inducted

The Rotary Club of Cebu and the Inner Wheel Club of Cebu held an induction of officers at the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel. Guest of honor and speaker was Trade Secretary Mar Roxas.

Judge **Isaias Dicdican** inducted the officers, headed by president **Antonio Lozada** and president-elect for next term **Pericles Dakay.**

Other Rotary officers include VP **Edgar Chiongbian** , who made a fine toastmaster; secretary **Eleuterio Ong Vaño,** treasurer **Bernard Vonn Sia,** directors **William Chavez, Jonathan Gesalem, Oscar Jereza Jr., Carlos Lao II, Tetsu Kawashita, Edward John Reyes,** past presidents **Sergio Romero, Renato Kintanar, Ibarra Panopio,** and sergeants-at-arms **Catalino Chan** and **Orly Israel.**

Esther Vibal, once an Inner Wheel International president, flew from Manila for this event, and also to congratulate the worthy ladies who head the Cebu Inner Wheel Club.

These are president **Lita Aldana,** VP **Bebe Alcoseba,** secretary **Alice Belen,** treasurer **Tita Antigua,** PRO **Cely Chiongbian,** directors **Amifaith Reyes** (immediate past president), **Remy Balankig, Norma Borromeo, Lita Ortiz, Melba Israel, Nima Mangharam, Asun Mira, Ely de Veyra** and **Lina Santos.**

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Donna J. Stone

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9 — pearl
13 What trumpets do
18 Choir member
19 Sarah — Jewett
20 Helps in a heist
22 Turbine part
23 Sheffield slammer
24 Proverb preposition
25 Scarlett's sweetheart
26 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
27 Start of a remark by Ronnie Shakes
31 "Go, team!"
32 Joyce's land
33 Role for a rat
34 Aachen article
37 Yank
39 Critic's god?
40 "— Bop" ('84 hit)
42 Mallard or teal
46 Part 2 of remark
50 Actress Celeste
52 Palindromic name
53 Head man?
54 Hot off the press
55 43,560 square feet
57 Coeur d'—, ID
59 Source
60 Honey of a worker?
61 Asian capital
63 Maritime
64 Kids' card game
65 Palm oil?
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68 Ward off
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75 Big name in wrap
76 Singing syllables
77 Ornamental vine
78 "— whillikers!"
79 Type
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82 Wrap up
83 College club
87 Create a canyon
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89 Actress Tatyana
90 Pizza serving
91 Mil. rank
92 Big bird
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98 — aerobics
100 Every last bit
101 Actress Massen
102 Chinese principle
103 Diocese
104 "Captain —" ('92 film)
106 Sicilian rumbler
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121 Pennsylvania port
122 Sloping surface
124 Edwards or Lombardi
125 Instant
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127 — rug
128 In search of
129 Start a crop
130 Mini-misunderstanding
131 Car scar

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7 Pro foe
8 Light material
9 Crooner Al
10 Loathe
11 Naturalist explorer William
12 Ides interjection
13 Pair
14 Loch —
15 Perched on
16 Actor Calhoun
17 Before, to the Bard
21 Hog heaven?
28 Full
29 Paraphernalia
30 Cain's victim
34 Take off a toque
35 Curly coif
36 WWII gun
38 Regan's sister
39 Basilica feature
40 Horror-movie reaction
41 Garden tool
43 Lopsided
44 Hoax
45 Prepared to propose
47 Simple shelter
48 Itty-bitty
49 Devotee
51 Be in charge
56 Like Kansas?
58 106 Across output
60 Halloween decoration
61 Strike
62 Plant pest
64 Freezin' season
65 Electrical inventor
67 Self-respect
69 Pirate's pet
70 Songbird
71 Castle material
72 Feudal tenant
73 "— had it!"
74 Brooks of "Meet the Press"
75 Gramps' glasses
81 School subject
82 Biblical priest
83 Viral illness
84 Fixes a fight
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86 Head of France?
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89 Actress Alicia
90 Poet Sanchez
93 Suspend
95 Eminent
96 Jacob's brother
97 Most prominent
99 Swagger
105 "The Wind in the Willows" critter
106 Comic Cantor
107 Hawthorne's "— -Told Tales"
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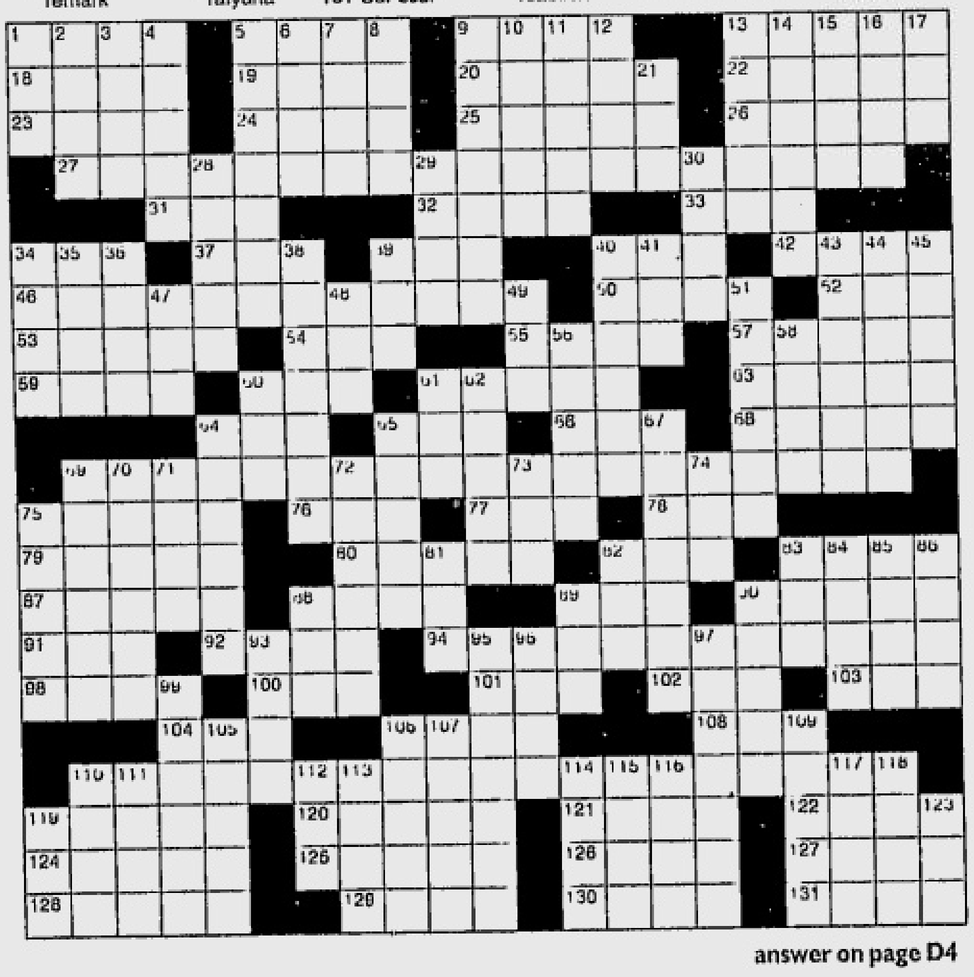

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Pinoy photographer wins int'l award

FILIPINO photographer G-nie Arambulo received the Award of Excellence in The Best Classical Portrait Category in the Master Photographer of the Year International Print Competition 2003.

Arambulo's winning entry is a classic 1930s-themed photo of furniture and residential designer Ana Margarita Gonzalez-Cuervo, image model and owner of The Barnyard in Alabang and Fine Things in Glorietta 4.

The contest drew entries from the United Kingdom, United States, Belgium, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia and China, among others. Awards night is on Oct. 19 in Germany.

The 50-year-old Master Photographer Association is based in the UK.

Arambulo, who considers John Chua as her mentor, has been with Adphoto Inc./Art of Light since 1992.

G-NIE Arambulo and her winning 1930s-themed photo of designer Ana Margarita Gonzalez-Cuervo (left)

Magazine profiles success stories

ME magazine features this month dreamers, people who try to make their dreams into a reality.

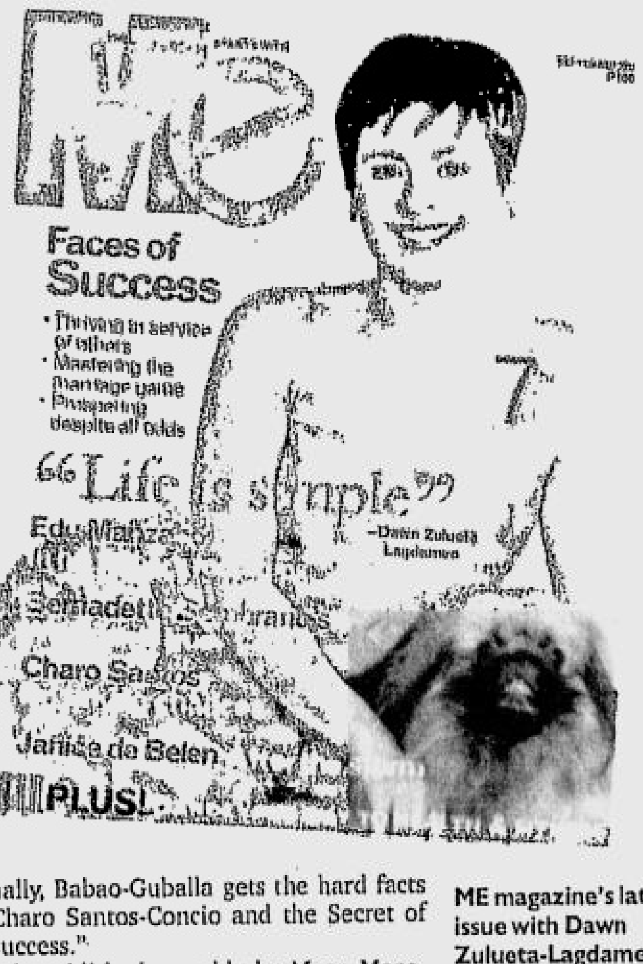
In "His Father's Son," Leah C. Eriguel reveals that Edu Manzano is really a chip off the old block. His antics and knack for comedy were inherited from his La Sallian jock dad, Adi Manzano.

Actress and mother Janice de Belen considered single parenthood a challenge that drew out her courage. She has begun to realize her hidden potentials as a student of psychology in Ateneo de Manila University, co-host of a television show with sister Gelli, and doting mother to five children. "That God-Given Courage" by Janice de Belen, as told to Cora Llamas, reveals more of the newly empowered woman.

Editor in chief Cathy Babao-Guballa catches up with actress Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo. "A Vibrant Dawn" is about the actress' marriage to businessman Anton Lagdameo and why she opted for a life away from show biz. Zulueta now lives in Davao with her husband and busies herself organizing bazaars and crafting jewelry.

The 21-year love story of coach Joel Banal of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines and Philippine Basketball Association, and pre-school educator Jenny Mapua is told in "Cherished Vows" by Mary Rose Abad-Jimenez.

Women television personalities define success in their special experiences. Karen Davila shares the meaning of success in "The Truth About Dreams," and "Wish Ko Lang's" fairy godmother and host, Bernadette Sembrano, talks to Cora Llamas in "One More Wish."



Finally, Babao-Guballa gets the hard facts on "Charo Santos-Concio and the Secret of Her Success."

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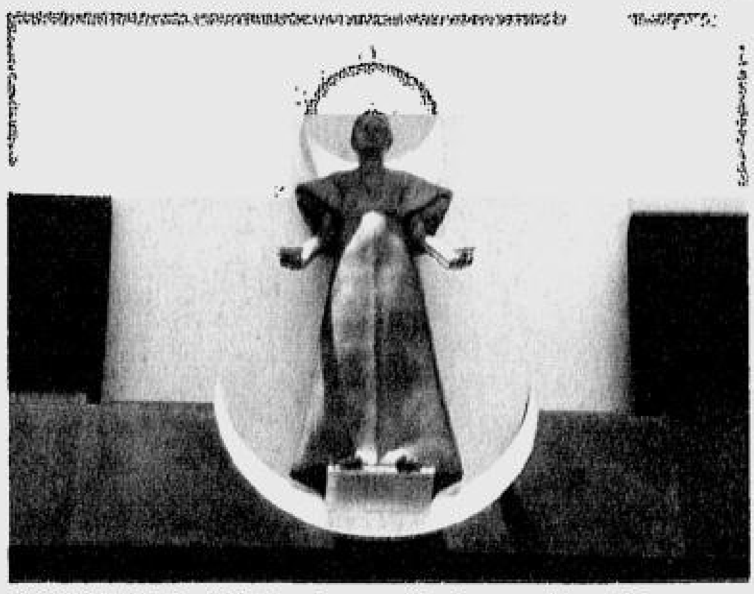
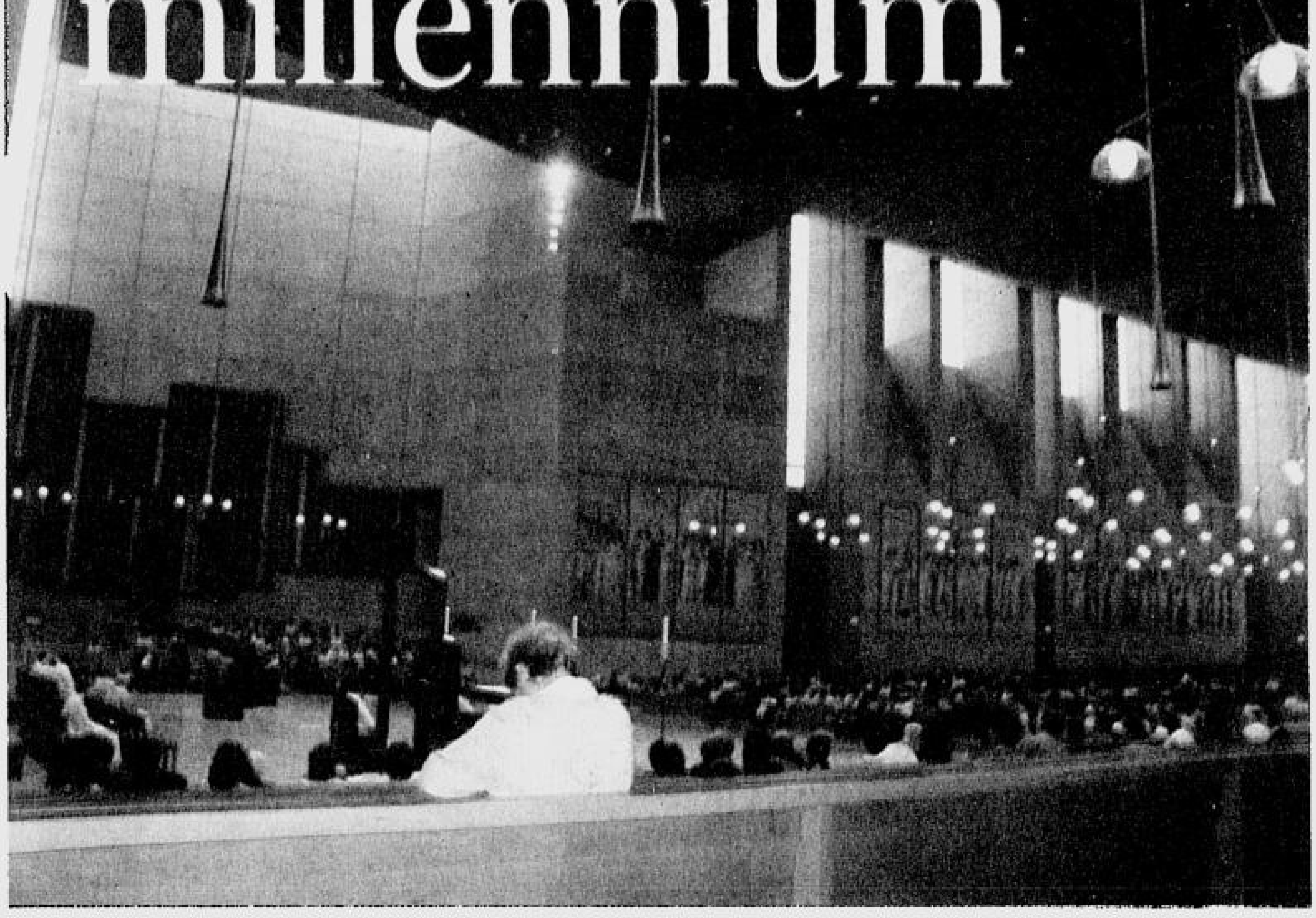
ME magazine's latest issue with Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo on the cover

First cathedral of the new millennium

CARDINAL Roger Mahony, whose determination to build a new LA cathedral overcame tough challenges, delivers the homily during the first anniversary mass.

JESUS' words to the Samaritan woman are carved in Tagalog and other languages on a white marble disc in artist Lita Albuquerque's gateway pool.


SCULPTOR Robert Graham's compelling bronze vision of Our Lady—a modern, multi-ethnic Mary for the New World


WORSHIPPERS and tourists alike bask in the quiet and serenity of the cathedral.

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opened on Sept. 2, 2002.

Standing 8 ft tall over a crescent moon, the dark bronze Mary, as sculpted by Graham (husband of actress Anjelica Huston), "may be said to have a Caucasian nose, Asian eyes, African lips, and straight, coarse hair worn in a thick Native American braid," according to an essay by Pulitzer prize winner Jack Miles. This multiethnic representation of Our Lady of the Freeways, as Miles' piece is titled, is intended to reflect the diverse culture of Los Angeles.

The bronze doors, living up to their "great" appellation, further symbolize the city's multicultural tradition. Depicted are 15 manifestations of the Virgin Mary in different parts of the world, from the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Black Madonna of Loreto, Italy, to the Virgin of Montserrat. At the base of these 25-ton, three-story high doors are 40 small pre-Christian symbols carved in high relief, linked by symbolic vines.

If the façade looks forbidding to some, the interior is where Moneo truly inspires. Instead of being immediately confronted with the altar, a visitor experiences the cathedral themes of pilgrimage and light on the south ambulatory.

In this long walkway toward the back of the church, one does feel like leaving downtown LA and the material world behind. Walking in the cool interiors, a pilgrim or even a regular tourist is induced into a meditative state with nothing to distract him on the sandy walls and Spanish limestone floors.

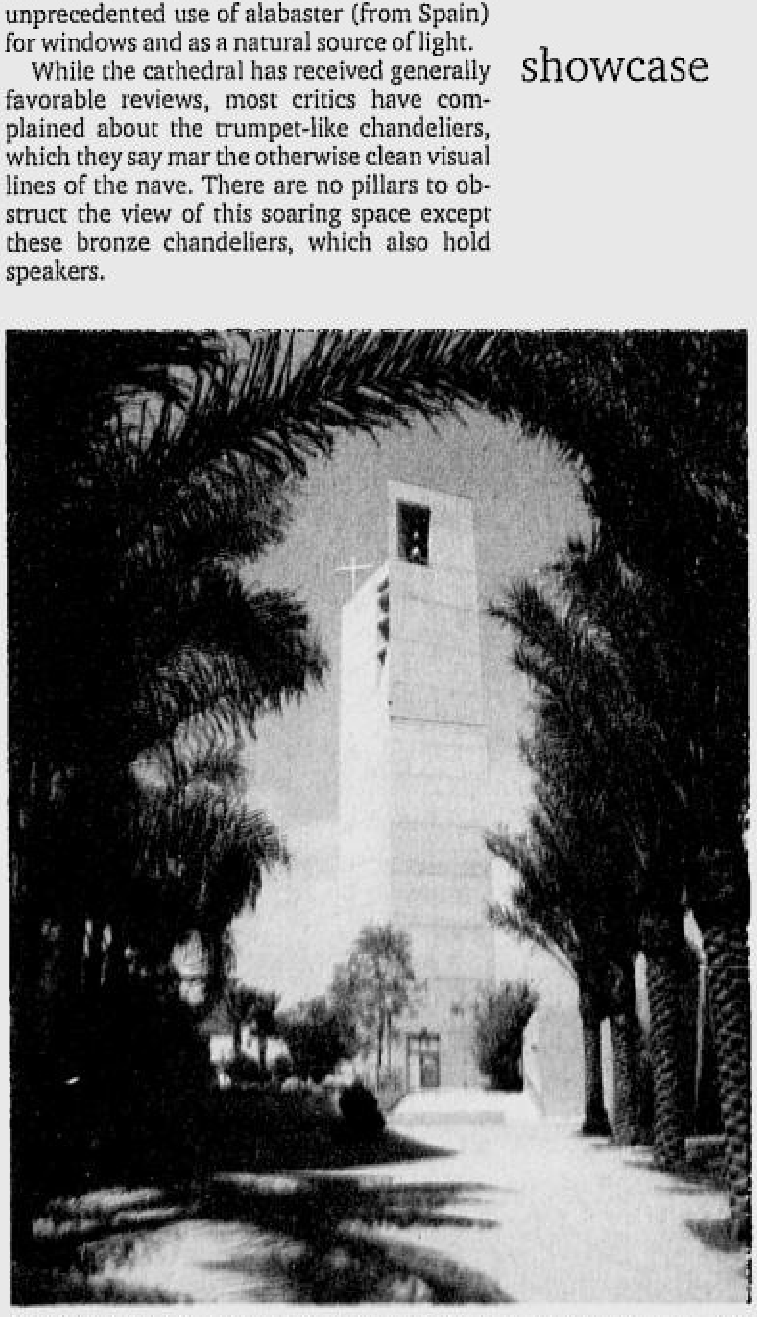
There seems light at the end, and it turns out to be the golden glow from a 17th-century Spanish Baroque *retablo*, an inspired touch to connect Los Angeles' Spanish mission past with the present.

Before reaching the *retablo*, one sees a series of small chapels, another nod to churches built in the past, on the right side of this soothing corridor.

There are also slots that offer glimpses, a "tease" if you will, of the main sanctuary. At the end of the ambulatory, a visitor turns right and finally sees the nave in all its magnificence. It is a huge, glorious space of concrete walls and wood ceiling and pews, softened by light filtered through alabaster panes. This starkly modern cathedral is celebrated for its unprecedented use of alabaster (from Spain) for windows and as a natural source of light.

While the cathedral has received generally favorable reviews, most critics have complained about the trumpet-like chandeliers, which they say mar the otherwise clean visual lines of the nave. There are no pillars to obstruct the view of this soaring space except these bronze chandeliers, which also hold speakers.

Lea Salonga will get married in January at Los Angeles' Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, a design and religious showcase


PALMS frame the campanile, a new landmark in downtown LA that is visible on the freeway.

Some critics have also lamented the tapestries of John Nava hanging on the walls and in the back of the baptistery, decrying that these woven panels are not in sync with the abstraction of Moneo's architecture.

On the contrary, one thinks that Nava's depiction of the procession of saints and regular folks (some are Asian) throughout history on the facing walls of the nave and of the baptism of Jesus above the baptistery beautifully complement the textured feel and epic scope of the concrete walls.

Map of LA

Behind the altar are smaller panels that should please the critics. Nava's abstract patterns supposedly represent a street map of LA.

Spread around the nave are Max DeMoss' 12-angel dedication candleholders. These bronze and silver angels are not your typical winged images with beatific expressions. DeMoss was inspired by talking to his family, friends, neighbors and even his grandchildren. The result are whimsical figures, grounded in humanity rather than ethereal.

Cardinal Mahony, according to a Los Angeles Times reporter given a tour by the prelate himself, even described one angel as "just hilarious." Mahony was quoted as saying, "He looks so surprised, or as if he's calling out in a greeting. Every time I look at him, I think of something different."

The sanctuary, in which our national treasure, Lea Salonga, will exchange "I dos" with Robert Chen in January next year, is marked by a floor of Spanish limestone paving stones arranged in a circular pattern centered at the altar.

Providing a dramatic source of light on Lea and Robert's special day, as it does every day, is the same cross seen from outside. An alabaster window framing the crossbeam pours light into the church, which has hosted a welcome Mass for President Macapagal Arroyo and over 50 weddings.

The altar itself is a striking five-ton slab of red marble from Turkey, supported by a round base wrapped with four gold-clad angels. M.L. (Mary Louise) Snowden, a protegé of her father, George H. Snowden (the late master sculptor bequeathed Auguste Rodin's sculpting tools to her), worked for two years on "The Great Golden Angels of the Main Altar."

A life-size crucifix by Simon Toporovsky could have been scaled larger in proportion to the sumptuous space. But the accessibility of the crucifix, Cardinal Mahony explained with fondness in a Mass celebrating the cathedral's first anniversary (INQUIRER Lifestyle was present) last Sept. 2, has resulted in the dark patina of Jesus' feet becoming shiny from frequent touching by the faithful.

VIRGIN of Loreto, Italy—detail on Robert Graham's great bronze doors

Also distinguishing the sanctuary are Jefferson Tortorelli's *cathedra* (the bishop's chair) and *ambo* (the reading pulpit). A mosaic of crosses made of colorful woods from the different continents accents the *cathedra*, which is also built to last 500 years.

On the right transept is a five-story high Dobson pipe organ which was built specifically for the cathedral. The cathedral's grand proportions seem to multiply when somebody is playing on the organ, the emanating music reverberating throughout the sacred place.

Garden for reflection

A meditation garden, which can be seen through a glass wall on the cathedral's north ambulatory, offers an option to ease one's transition back to the real world. (There is a northeast door that opens directly to the plaza.)

Towering on the northwest corner of the garden is the campanile, visible on the 101 freeway alongside which the cathedral stands.

The freeway is likened to a river, beside which old great cathedrals were built. Two bells on the campanile are from St. Vibiana, the old cathedral which was damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Controversy on plans to raze St. Vibiana and replace it with a new cathedral structure eventually led to the idea to erect the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on an asphalt parking lot, in a location closer to downtown LA's core of courthouses, administration buildings and the popular Music Center.

St. Vibiana, meantime, mercifully escaped the wrecking ball—it will become a theater/school complex.

The garden is an oasis of tall palm trees (they provide a dramatic frame for the campanile), sycamores and maples and a small pool.

Johnny Bear Contreras' "Spirit of the Earth," commissioned to honor Native Americans in California, occupies a prominent spot. The bronze sculpture depicts ocean tides swirling around a womb from which a human figure emerges.

Proceeding to the Plaza, one remembers Quiapo and Baclaran upon the sight of lit devotion candles surrounding Lalo Garcia's Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a ceramic tile remembrance of Mary's 16th-century apparition in Mexico.

On a wall facing the 101, Garcia also created a mosaic-style mural of the Guadalupan vision of God's Mother that notoriously carbound Los Angeleños whizzing by can see.

In the donor colonnade, a glass wall with beautiful hand etchings of angels that overlooks the busy freeway underscores the cathedral's function as a sanctuary from harried existence. One feels truly detached from the car culture down below because the wall's piped-in music of angelic voices blocks the sound of cars racing to their earthly destinations.

An olive grove completes this landscape of serenity. Bronze animal sculptures mix harmoniously with the thriving olive trees to create an enticing play area for the kids.

A cafeteria with colorful chairs and umbrellas spills into the plaza. This cafeteria, a gift shop, administration offices and the residence of Cardinal Mahony and cathedral priests, are housed in two bland-looking buildings on the eastern side.

The underground mausoleum is supposedly the largest in existence. This being a Hollywood town, the mausoleum already contains the crypt of one departed bona-fide star: Gregory Peck.

One crypt is inscribed with Mahony's name, birth date, a dash and a blank space. The cardinal has been reported joking that he checks every day if the date on the right side has already been filled.

One ends up by the gateway pool, taking in again Jesus' life-transforming words in Tagalog. Like Jesus, this cathedral truly feeds the soul.

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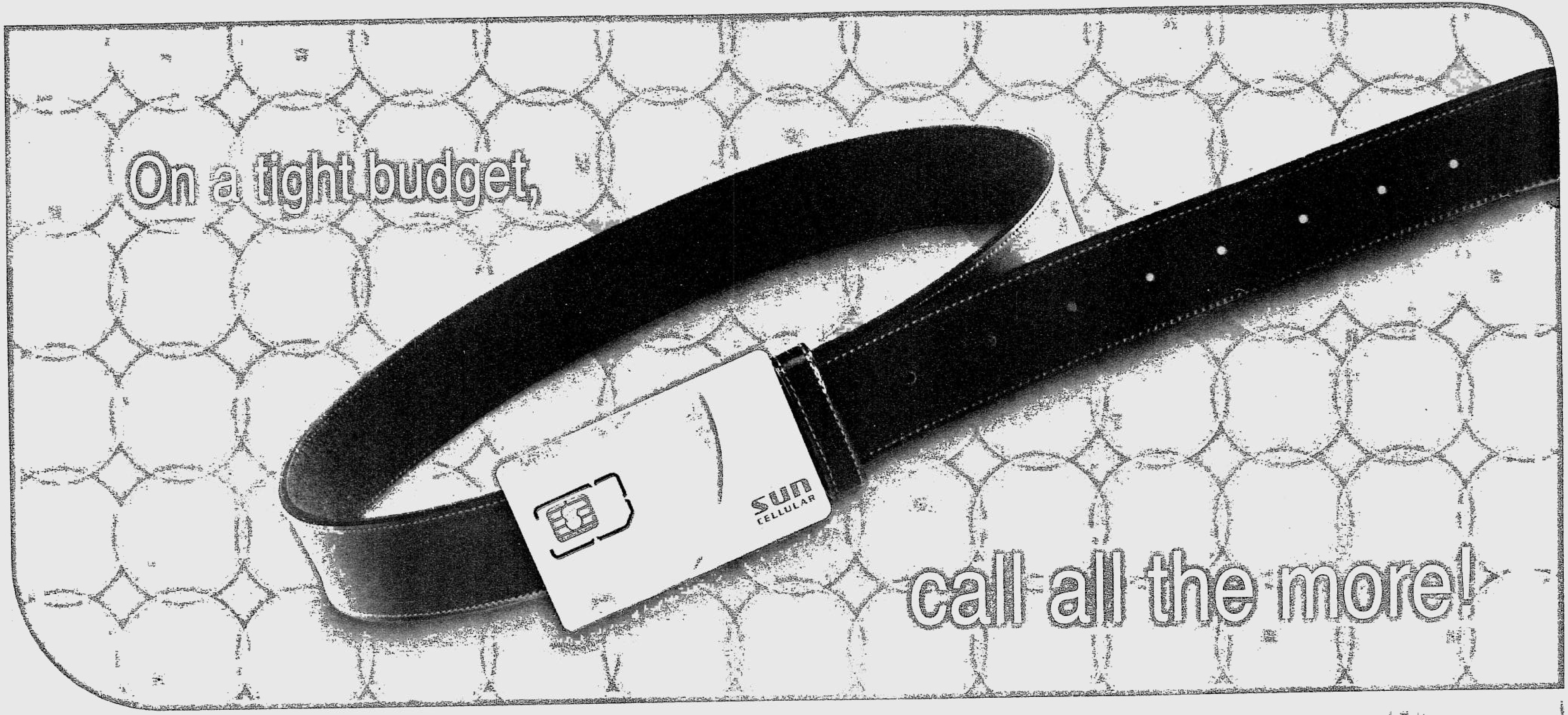

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AFTER over two months of competitions, the cast is complete. The final four teams have been determined, and now a more intense chapter of the 66th season of the UAAP men's basketball season is about to begin. Who will finally emerge champions?

The probable outcome is still too early to tell. After two elimination rounds, Ateneo, FEU and UE are tied at the top with identical 11-3 win-loss records, and La Salle (7-7) completing the final four. Between the four of them, Ateneo, FEU and UE have posted the same 4-2 win loss slates, while De La Salle struggled against its top counterparts, posting a 0-6 win-loss card when it met its final four counterparts during the eliminations.

All eyes will be on the FEU-UE playoffs today and final four games on Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Araneta Coliseum—surely exciting preludes to the championship round beginning Sept. 27, Saturday, at the Araneta Coliseum. See you at the games.

The story in numbers

HERE'S how each of the final four teams fared against opponents in the two elimination rounds of the UAAP.

Ateneo de Manila University (11-3)

ATENEO de Manila University

vs UE Warriors (68-69 loss on July 13)
vs FEU Tamaraws (62-73 loss July 13)
vs UST Tigers (69-65 win July 20)
vs NU Bulldogs (63-57 win July 26)
vs Adamson Falcons (70-62 win July 31)
vs UP Maroons (70-68 win Aug. 2)
vs DLSU Archers (82-68 win Aug. 9)
vs UE Warriors (76-67 win Aug. 17)
vs Adamson Falcons (69-55 win Aug. 21)
vs FEU Tamaraws (87-63 win Aug. 24)
vs NU Bulldogs (62-76 loss Aug. 28)
vs UP Maroons (56-53 win Aug. 31)
vs UST Tigers (63-56 win Sept. 4)
vs DLSU Archers (98-89 win Sept. 13)

Far Eastern University (11-3)

FAR EASTERN University

vs Adamson Falcons (57-53 win July 13)
vs ADMU Blue Eagles (73-62 win July 17)
vs NU Bulldogs (71-49 win July 20)
vs UST Tigers (45-51 loss July 26)
vs DLSU Archers (74-72 win July 31)
vs UE Warriors (64-62 win Aug. 3)
vs UP Maroons (65-60 win Aug. 9)
vs DLSU Archers (76-74 win Aug. 16)
vs NU Bulldogs (69-56 win Aug. 21)
vs ADMU Blue Eagles (63-87 loss Aug. 24)
vs UE Warriors (72-77 loss Aug. 30)
vs UP Maroons (67-61 win Sept. 7)
vs ADU Falcons (66-53 win Sept. 11)
vs UST Tigers (71-58 win Sept. 14)

University of the East (11-3)

UNIVERSITY of the East

vs ADMU Blue Eagles (69-68 win July 13)
vs Adamson Falcons (74-61 win July 19)
vs DLSU Archers (65-84 loss July 24)
vs FEU Tamaraws (62-64 loss Aug. 3)
vs NU Bulldogs (76-69 win Aug. 7)
vs UST Tigers (69-73 loss Aug. 10)
vs UP Maroons (75-65 win Aug. 13)
vs ADMU Blue Eagles (67-76 loss Aug. 17)
vs UP Maroons (68-61 win Aug. 23)
vs FEU Tamaraws (77-72 win Aug. 30)
vs NU Bulldogs (80-69 win Sept. 4)
vs UST Tigers (78-59 win Sept. 11)
vs Adamson Falcons (82-76 win Sept. 14)
vs DLSU Archers (64-62 win Sept. 18)

De La Salle University (7-7)

DE LA SALLE University

vs UST Tigers (88-75 win July 12)
vs UP Maroons (67-58 win July 19)
vs UE Warriors (84-65 win July 24)
vs FEU Tamaraws (72-74 loss July 31)
vs NU Bulldogs (92-85 win Aug. 2)
vs ADMU Blue Eagles (68-82 loss Aug. 9)
vs Adamson Falcons (81-61 win Aug. 13)
vs FEU Tamaraws (74-76 loss Aug. 16)
vs UST Tigers (71-66 win Aug. 23)
vs UP Maroons (70-80 loss Aug. 28)
vs NU Bulldogs (59-80 loss Aug. 31)
vs Adamson Falcons (82-74 win Sept. 8)
vs ADMU Blue Eagles (89-98 loss Sept. 13)
vs UE Warriors (62-64 loss Sept. 18)

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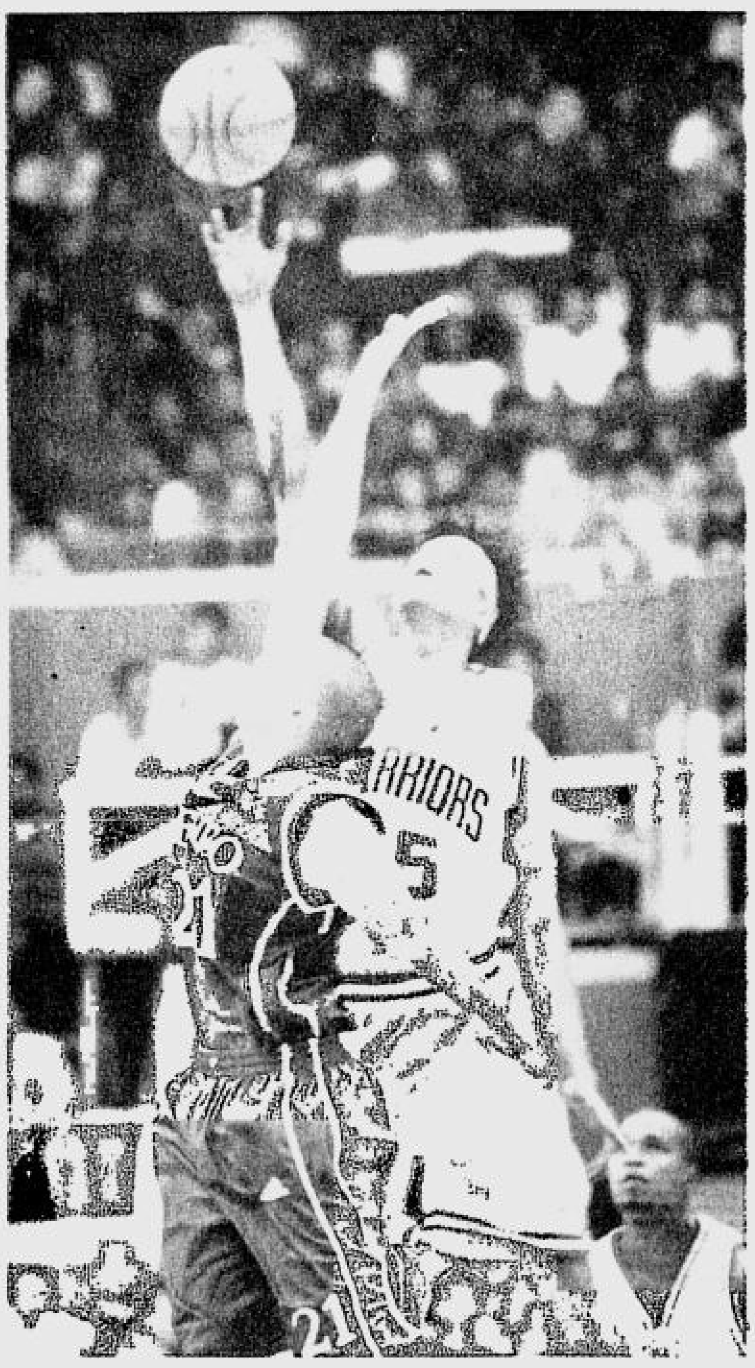
Team stats hint of possible outcomes

THEY say fighting spirit is enough. Others profess prayers equate to championships. But whatever your passion about the UAAP men's basketball might indicate, the games must come down to the law of averages. The game, after all, is about numbers. So, before you cast your bets, better crunch some numbers.

STATS FROM WWW.PINOYCENTRAL.COM'S UAAP ONLINE

Team	FG%	3P%	FT%	OFF	DEF	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	FPG	PPG
ADMU	38.6%	32.2%	63.7%	13.6	30.2	43.8	15.9	4.4	5.1	18.9	21.1	71.1
AdU	38.1%	26.4%	62.7%	13.6	29.7	43.4	12.1	4.8	2.1	20.7	20.8	66.1
DLSU	44.4%	30.5%	57.0%	12.8	26.4	39.2	15.0	6.8	2.8	22.0	25.6	76.7
FEU	39.2%	24.2%	54.7%	16.2	27.9	44.1	15.0	4.6	5.1	21.4	25.4	66.6
NU	34.6%	27.4%	59.3%	15.1	22.9	37.9	12.1	6.9	2.3	19.9	25.4	69.6
UE	41.5%	28.1%	63.6%	12.6	28.7	41.3	16.7	6.3	3.7	19.2	22.9	72.8
UP	36.8%	24.6%	60.8%	14.7	30.5	45.2	10.9	3.9	4.1	21.8	20.7	66.9
UST	38.5%	25.5%	60.8%	11.7	23.5	35.2	14.6	5.1	3.1	22.1	21.5	64.8

Team	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	PTS
ADMU	352-911	82-255	209-328	191	423	613	223	62	71	264	296	995
AdU	329-863	51-193	217-346	191	416	607	169	67	29	290	291	926
DLSU	377-849	60-197	183-321	166	343	509	195	88	37	286	333	997
FEU	354-903	56-231	169-309	227	391	618	210	64	72	300	355	933
NU	326-943	93-340	229-386	211	320	531	169	97	32	278	355	974
UE	346-834	76-270	178-280	164	373	537	217	82	48	249	298	946
UP	301-817	42-171	226-372	191	397	588	142	51	53	284	269	870
UST	290-754	70-275	192-316	152	306	458	190	66	40	287	279	842



Caught 'green-handed'

YOU CAN'T get a more suspenseful decision than this. Thursday's game pitting final four qualifiers University of the East Warriors against the Dela Salle Green Archers had to be decided off the court. The board's decision: a UE victory. DLSU cager Cabatu released his last-second trey too late—the ball coming off his hands after time expired. The technical committee, headed by commissioner Joe Lipa and the UAAP board unanimously voted in favor of UE. UE's hope of landing in a top 2 berth, as a result, has been rekindled, and the team will slug it out in a playoff game with the FEU Tamaraws today, Sept. 21.*(News source from www.uaapgames.com)*

Where heroes are born

SUCH legendary names as Robert Jaworksi, Allan Caidic, Jerry Codinera, Benjie Paras, Ronnie Magsanoc, Dindo Pumaren, Johnny Abarrientos, Zandro Limpot, Noli Locsin, Marlou Aquino, Bal David, Kenneth Duremdes and Danny Ildefonso honed their basketball wizardries in the UAAP arena.

Robert Jaworski's humble beginnings took place in UE. His regular meal at the campus canteen served as his "allowance" from the school. But hard work and dedication as his real source of energy, Jaworski went on to become the "Living Legend." After being a significant member of the seven-time champion UE Red Warriors from 1965 to 1971, Jaworski joined Yco in the Manila Inter-commercial Athletic Association (Micaa). He later joined the Toyota Super Corollas in 1975.

Another UE Warrior who became a legend in the PBA was Caidic. Even in college, Caidic was already considered deadly from beyond the arc. In partnership with Jerry Codinera, Caidic steered UE to back-to-back titles. As a professional, Caidic topped the scoresheets.

UP fans, on the other hand, will always remember the "Mutt and Jeff" tandem of Paras and Magsanoc. The dynamic duo handed the Fighting Maroons its only UAAP basketball crown in 1986 under the coaching leadership of Joe Lipa.

In his first year as a professional, Paras was voted Rookie of the Year and MVP, an unprecedented feat. Magsanoc continued his effective partnership with Paras with Shell.

From the prestigious halls of La Salle, on the other hand, has emerged Alaska Aces' spitfire Mark Cardona and defensive big man Don Allado. And the fierce rivalry of the Archers and Eagles continues with Ateneo slotman Enrico Villanueva joining the ranks of PBA superstars. *(Sourced from www.pinoycentral.com's UAAP Online)*

'Fresh goes better' as UAAP action heats up

HIGH-pitched cheers, raves, and roars of laughter, youthful energy filling the arena. It seems to be a common sight in many college gymnasiums, but this is different. It is the UAAP season once again and students flock to the game venues on their own will to support their teams. Yet in the crowd you see not only countless students and teens but also quite a number of yuppies and oldies (reminiscing old times, perhaps?), everyone having exciting, breathtaking and fresh moments at the games.

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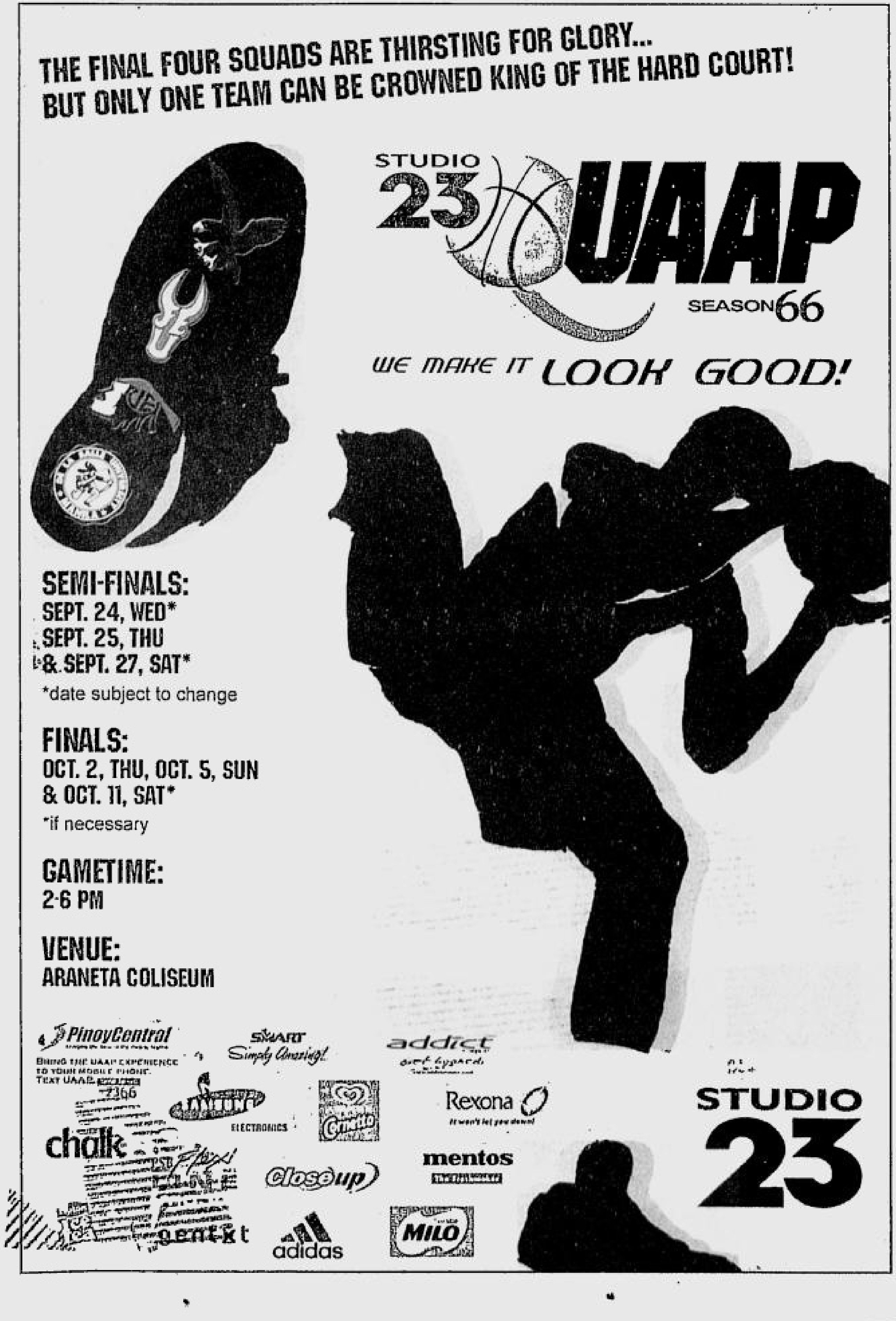
Standings after elimination rounds

Team	W-L	Pct.
Ateneo De Manila Blue Eagles	11-3	78.6
Far Eastern University Tamaraws	11-3	78.6
University of the East Warriors	11-3	78.6
Dela Salle University Green Archers	7-7	50
Adamson University Falcons	5-9	35.7
University of Santo Tomas Tigers	5-9	35.7
National University Bulldogs	3-11	27.3
University of the Philippines Maroons	3-11	27.3



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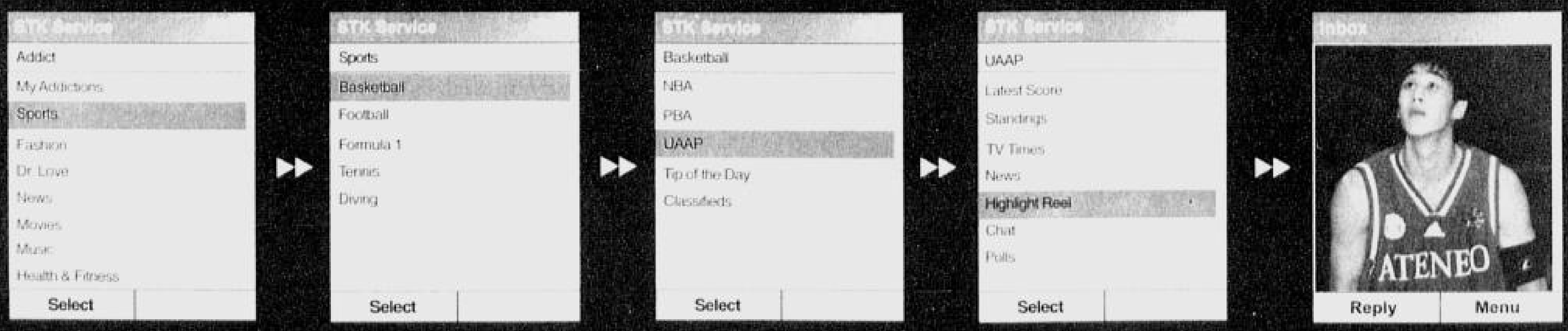
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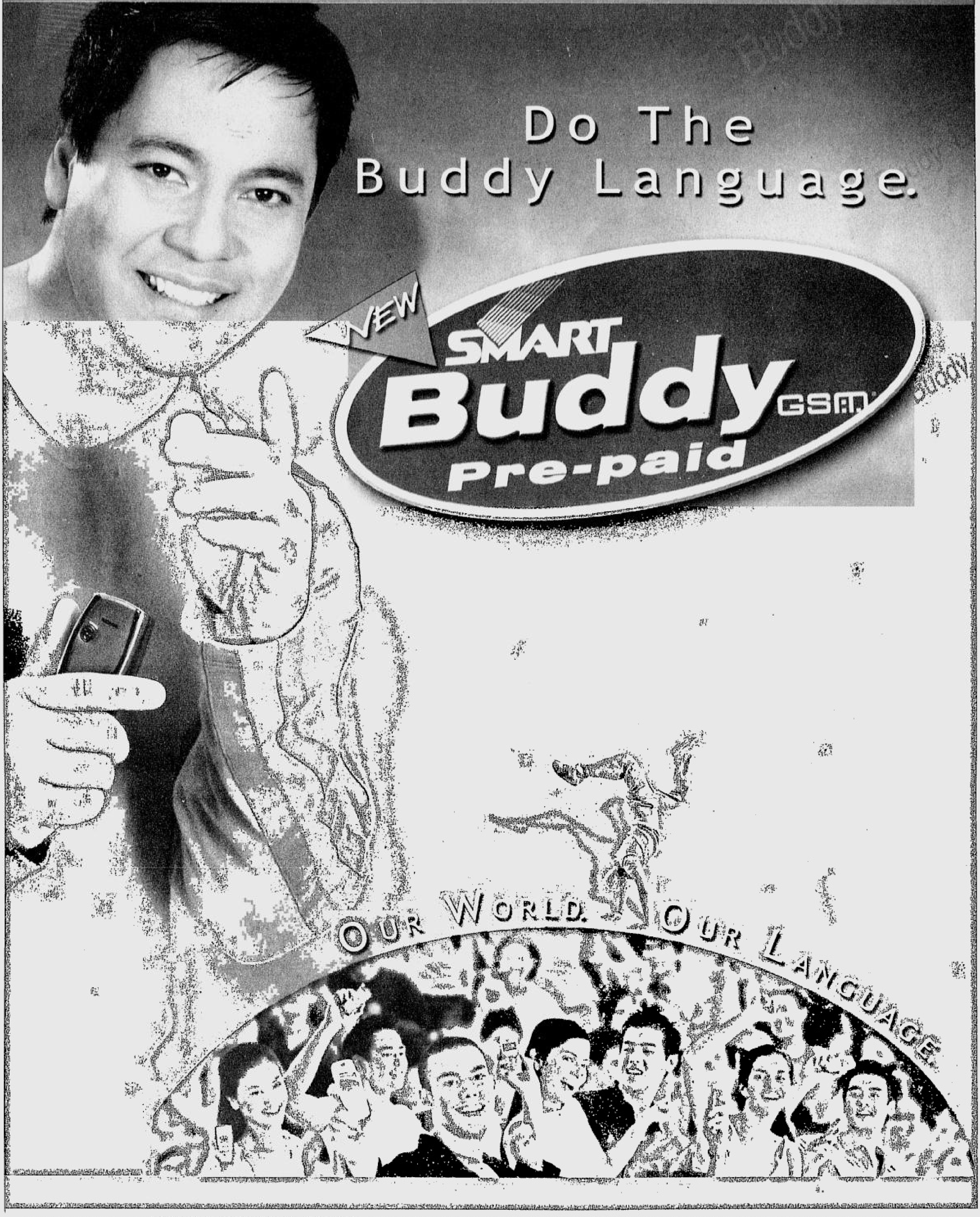

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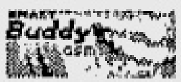
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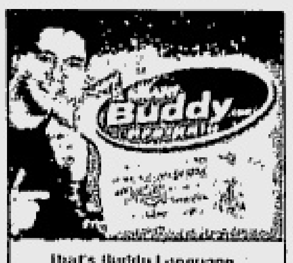
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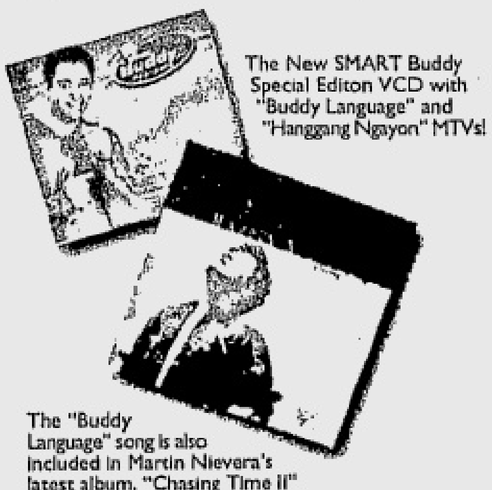
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Code : MDes

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- Perform trade studies / benchmarking to determine optimal product solution
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- Provide continuation engineering support to help solve production and customer issues as they arise

Required Skills, Experience & Education

- BS or MS degree in Mechanical Engineering

Desired Skills and Work Experience

- Work experience in related position (Design & Development environment); Stress and Thermal analysis experience
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Hardware Development Engineers

Code : HDev

Position Summary

The candidate will be a member of the engineering organization. Responsibilities include providing electrical engineering design support activities for retail solutions that include POS Terminal systems, Self Check-Out solutions (SCOT), RealPrice and Barcode Scanning devices.

Key Responsibilities

- Primary responsibilities include new product development with emphasis on conceptual development, board detail design, system engineering, and UL/EMC/Safety certification testing
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- New technology/component investigation/tracking
- Generate and maintain product functional specifications
- Drive and support cost reduction efforts,
- Resolve customer issues on current production products
- Support manufacturing build to resolve any technical issues

Required Skills, Experience & Education

- BS or MS degree in EE or ECE

Desired Skills and Work Experience

- Work experience in related position (Design and Development Environment)
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- PWB (CAD board layout) design experience
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- Power Supply Design experience (is an advantage)

Software Development Engineer

Code : SDev

Position Summary

Responsible for scoping, design, implementation, testing, & systems integration of software components

Key Responsibilities

- Scoping, design, development, testing and system integration of software components
- Design, develop and execute software test plans, procedures, test applications and test cases
- Identify, track and resolve software defects
- Create documentation to assist customer with product installation, configuration and problem diagnosis

Required Skills, Experience & Education

- BS or MS degree in ComSci, EE or CompE
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Desired Skills and Work Experience

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Process Engineers

Code : PE

Desired Skills and Work Experience/ Education

- Must be a graduate IE/ COME;
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Cadet Engineers

Code: CADET

Desired Skills and Work Experience/ Education

- A graduate of BS EE/ ECE/ ME/ Comp/ IE;
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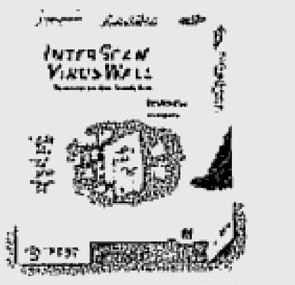

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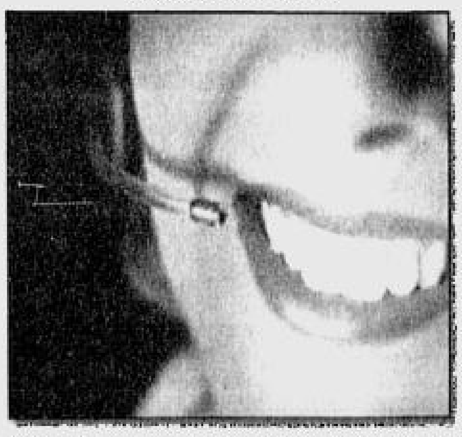

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CEO began his journey to success from a jeepney route

By Candy G. Villanueva

HR Focus

DRIVING a passenger jeepney one day on his usual route from Monumento to the pier, Angelito Hernandez vowed that he would someday own a shiny sports car. Years later, he achieved this goal and much more.

Today, Hernandez is president and managing director of Industrial, Personnel and Management Services, Inc. (IPAMS). IPAMS is a consulting firm that provides professional counsel and assistance in labor relations, personnel management, and overseas and local manpower recruitment. Founded by Dr. Raymond E. Wilmarth, Ph.D., IPAMS was conceived in 1971 and incorporated in 1972 by a group of professionals in labor relations and personnel management fields. Since then, the company has provided Filipinos thousands of jobs all over the world such as the Middle East, United States, Asia, West Africa and Europe.

Humble beginnings

At a glance, Hernandez seems to live the happy, luxurious life that usually comes with success. But the truth is, this amazing person leads a simple life of discipline with great passion for work and service, never failing to look back to his humble beginnings.

As a child, Hernandez took on several odd jobs to help his family. At age 11, he started helping mechanics and learning the craft. He ventured into buying and selling surplus military jeeps. At age 17, he occasionally drove passenger jeepneys in Tondo, Manila where he grew up.

An alumnus of Torres High School, he almost wasn't able to finish college but with a motto of "I can and I will," he graduated from the University of the East with a degree in Bachelor of Business Administration. After graduation, he worked as an Assistant Comptroller at E. SantaMaria and Company, a stock brokerage firm, for ten years.

In 1977, he joined IPAMS. Coming from a different field, it took Hernandez almost a year to get the feel of the business. The career shift from the stock market to the recruitment industry was a difficult process for Hernandez. Working ten to 12 hours a day, sometimes he would even bring work home even on Sundays to adjust to the new environment. He later learned to work around the difficulty by telling himself to "work like I'm playing."

A different company

Hernandez says that IPAMS sets itself apart by promoting and practicing ethics and professionalism. He claims, "We are not a warm body exporter; our services are coupled with employee relations service. We have 'after service' from deployment until their last employment term." To support this policy, Hernandez travels yearly to check out the different companies and the living and working conditions of their "deployees."

The company does not charge any processing nor placement fees for its worldwide activities. "We require our principals to shoulder the recruitment expenses," says Hernandez. "We get companies that can provide long-term and appropriate competitive benefits to Filipino workers." Hernandez adds, "Our thrust is to develop markets whereby the destination is conducive to working and there is no physical hazard. We don't send (people) to places where there is civil disorder."

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IPAMS goes as far as providing allowance, transportation and accommodation to applicants from the provinces. On some occasions, IPAMS provides "standby pay" while employees wait for deployment. IPAMS conducts provincial sourcing of candidates outside Metro Manila to provide opportunities to deserving candidates from far-flung provinces.

Role model

Today, as the CEO of the company, the years of long hours are long past. But Hernandez has also learned the value of taking a break. The president of IPAMS now makes it a point never to bring work home. He compensates by arriving at the office early, in fact, earlier than most of his people.

Promptness and cleanliness are big issues for Hernandez. He inculcates discipline and productivity with a firm hand but expresses confidence in his people. This strict disciplinarian never calls his office whenever he's abroad. "I trust all IPAMS staff and let them decide on their own."

Foremost a family man, his highest aspiration is not for himself but for his family. "I came from a poor beginning, my thrust in life is to make my children better than I am." Another aspiration is for his people. "I want to further professionalize our trade and improve and develop our people."

Far from retirement, Angelito Hernandez is working for IPAMS to continuously service thousands of Filipino workers and reputable companies all over the world. Sometimes, though, you can still see him by the garage, sleeves rolled up, earnestly tinkering on his old and classic cars.

How do you respond when told you are overqualified in a job interview?

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What do they mean "overqualified" anyway? ... Instead of jumping in to defend your experience (and, as a result, becoming defensive) ask your interviewer to explain what she means by "overqualified." Then speak directly to her concerns.

What's hiding beneath the "o" word? Four issues often lurk beneath the surface when a person's told she's overqualified. One: the company thinks you'll jump ship when a better offer comes along. Counter that by pointing out your longevity in previous jobs. (If you've been a job hopper, and you really want this job, offer to sign a contract committing to a specific amount of time with the company.) Two: they believe you'll be more expensive than a younger worker. Counter that one by giving specific examples of how you helped cut costs or increase revenues in past jobs. Three: they think you will feel that the job is beneath your skills. Counter that concern by displaying your humility and enthusiasm. Show them that you'll be a great member of the team. Four: as an older worker, they assume you'll be tougher to fire because of age discrimination laws. Unfortunately, since you can't change when you were born, there isn't much you can do (especially if they're lawsuit phobic). Age discrimination suits are tough to win so just muster all the energy you can to come across as the best possible candidate for the job.

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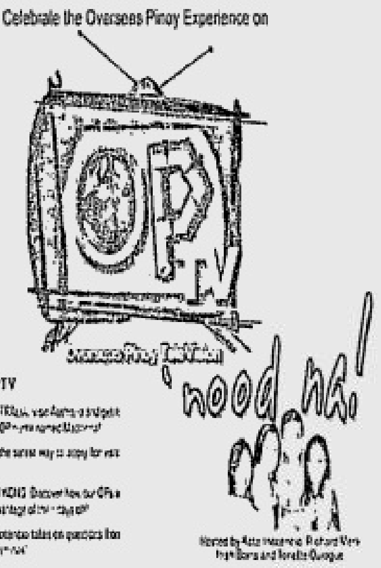

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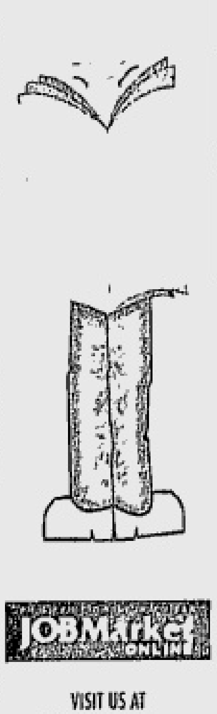

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First or last?

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

"IF you want to be first, put yourself last." It's one of the great paradoxes in life, like "To have everything, own nothing" and "Humble yourself that you may be exalted." Do you notice? Sometimes, when you sit in the shadows, someone drags you out by the hand and takes you to the limelight; other times, when you take a seat in the front row, someone comes up, says that seat is reserved for VIPs, and sends you to the last row.

A similar thing occurs in the workplace. Observe events when leaders are chosen—like organizing committees for anniversary celebrations and other such events. Those who shy away from responsibility are elected to position, proving their popularity among their peers; and those who are so keen about proving themselves don't get anywhere. (Of course, we get types that pretend to be indifferent when they're just dying to be carried on the crowd's shoulders, but we're not talking about that now).

Taking this paradox to the next level, we find that it's true in a more personal sense—at work. The most satisfying and lasting rewards come to you not when you clamor for a salary increase, a promotion, or better working conditions but when you put soul in your work. When you put work before pay, when you deliver more than is asked of you, when you manifest commitment to quality, when you are diligent even if nobody notices, when even the smallest of your tasks is guided by the highest of principles—you make of yourself "the servant of all." Putting our ego concerns as last on our list puts us first on the list of The Power that knows and satisfies all our needs. *(Email the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph.*)*

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Mark 9: 30-37

Then He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

The way of Jesus

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

I WONDER how Jesus would fare in today's world of business and work where the name of the game is competition—a race to the top. To win the race, one needs to have more knowledge and skills than the others do and establish good connections with influential people. Many people say that "It is not what you know but whom you know" that gets you to the top.

While most people outdo and outsmart one another and at times, even try to destroy the reputation of others in order to get ahead, those who follow "the Jesus way" put themselves as the "last of all and the servant of all."

Jesus' formula for greatness may be unacceptable for most "reasonable" persons, but for the simple and humble of heart (like a child), the path to greatness that Jesus taught is acceptable. They faithfully imitate the example of Jesus' life—one that is totally spent in serving others. They are the saints who faithfully followed the footsteps of Jesus even if they were considered "last" in terms of social status or position, power and influence in their time. Now, they are venerated by the faithful as persons who are "up there" and worthwhile emulating in life.

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How do you respond...

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What are they looking for (ideally)? Ask them to describe their dream candidate. Then, point by point, show them how your qualifications match up. What'll it take to convince them? If all else fails, ask bluntly, "What can I do to convince you that I'm the best person for the job?" Hopefully, they'll point you in the right direction.

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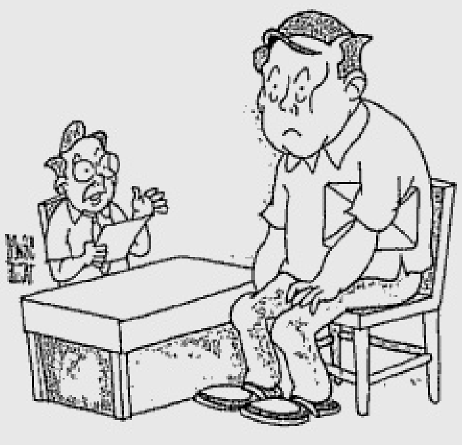
—I wouldn't do anything; what's the use? 5.8%

—I'd ask, "which part of my experience would you like me to forget?" 41.5%

—I'd show them the value of my experience, 52.5%

(Mr. Rosner is the author of bestsellers "The Boss's Survival Guide," McGraw Hill 2001, and "Working Wounded," Warner 2000, a speaker and founder of the award-winning Working Wounded.com & RetentionEvangelist.com. He is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. Email him at bob@workingwounded.com.*)*



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The position will be based in Iloilo City and will require periodic travel to Manila, which is another program area and where the country office is based. During these trips, the ECD Coordinator is expected to prepare detailed scopes of work, trip reports and other relevant documentation.

Requirements:
This is a senior position requiring strong leadership and management skills. Previous work experience in a similar position in an international NGO is highly preferred. A Bachelor's degree in the social sciences (psychology, education or social work) or related discipline is required. Minimum of five years program development experience with demonstrated training and research skills. Fluency in English is required and knowledge of Hiligaynon is an advantage. Computer literacy is a must. Professional experience in a multi-cultural work setting is a plus.

Qualified applicants may send their resumes on or before September 30, 2003 to : *By mail* - CODE: ECD COORD, Save the Children Federation, Inc., No.1 Encarnacion Street corner Lapu-Lapu Avenue, Magallanes Village, Makati City, Metro Manila. *By fax*: (632) 853-02-15. *By e-mail*: allaneza@savechildren.org (please indicate code "ECD COORD" in subject line).

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'I am adrift in my career'

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice
FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

I READ your column every Sunday expecting that perhaps one of your letter senders might have a problem similar to mine, but I realized that solutions are very much individualized.

I am a single male dentist. I got my license in 1990. I went into group practice to share costs but in just a year, the group disbanded for we were not able to provide for our basic needs. My parents are unable to help me put up a clinic. I could become a dental assistant but the work involves merely cleaning the employer's clinic. I didn't know what to do so I drifted.

In 1995, I worked as a barista for six months. A month after, I resigned and worked as a medical representative. The pay was good and I stayed for three years, but I could not handle the pressure of consistently maintaining my sales quota. I grabbed the opportunity of voluntary separation offered by the company when they downsized due to the Asian crises in 1998.

From 1998 to early 2000, I drifted again, earning measly sums by doing odd jobs. I returned to my profession, employed this time by a batch mate. I was paid a measly salary of Php5,000 and so I quit.

Then, I went to handle my sister's small eatery business together with her friend who was a co-owner. Initially it went well, but competition and lack of business savvy drove us to closure after two years.

I went back to being a dentist for the third time. I am now working part-time two to three times a week, in my friend's clinic. I only earn commissions: no patient, no cut.

Now, I have neither savings nor solid work to lean on. I currently depend on dole outs from relatives and friends. There are bills to be paid in the house and I am not able to give my share. My predicament has stripped me my social life, confidence, optimism and self-worth. I envy people who are younger than I yet are now very much independent.

There are lots of job opportunities but I hardly qualify. My resume is bland; it has nothing to speak off, nothing to be impressed about. I am sure the HR people would see nothing more than an out-of-focus, goalless, mediocre applicant. And sadly, that is the truth.

If my relatives could finance me, what should I do? Should I go to school, let's say, to be a medical transcriptionist? A nurse? But they have their own financial needs. Would that will be practical thing to do at given my age, experience, abilities and skills? What I am I supposed to do right now?

Worried and Confused

First of all, thank you for being proactive and mustering courage to write this letter. Recognize that you have gifts and talents, but the challenge is how to best use them to serve you and others. Your handicap may be your paradigms and mindset in terms of pursuing and keeping work that is aligned to your view and vision as a person.

As an outsider reading your letter, let me summarize the skills that you have acquired in your working life. Your career is not a regular corporate career, but more typical of the career in the new environment. You have the skills and the license as a dentist (which is quite an achievement), expertise and training as a pharma sales person, and experience with a startup business. Now, how can you combine these talents to serve you better?

Career options

What are the career options open to you? One is to pursue with greater determination your career as a successful dentist. A second option is to start something entrepreneurial. A third option is to shift to an allied career such as medical transcription or nursing.

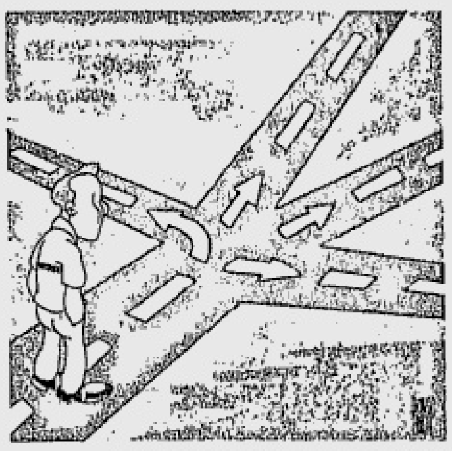
Many dentists bewail the fact that clients do not come as regularly as they would wish for treatment. Typically, they wait in their offices waiting for clients to come in. Why not apply what you have learned in marketing and selling without violating the ethics in your profession?

If I were a dentist in group practice, what would I do? First of all, I would study my neighborhood and find out what are the hidden opportunities. Perhaps, you have neighbors who have not gone to a dentist for a long time. There may be a nursery school around the corner that may need a resident dentist. There may be a company nearby with 25 to 30 employees who need dental care. Make a list of your relatives and invite them to patronize your service. From the environmental scan, find out who your competitors in your area are. You may be surprised that there are so few of you. Then, set your goals, how many clients do you want in a year's time?

Reaching your market

The next step is to find ways to reach them. Can you make a small flyer that you can give in the neighborhood or in places where people congregate like the church or the supermarket? Your village may have a regular newsletter. Recently, I needed a piano teacher for my daughter. I found a very good piano teacher looking at the ads in the newsletter. Email a message and send it to friends who can then send it to their friends. Be innovative, use imagination, and brainstorm with your partners. But as you know, promotions need courage and persistence.

Make your service delivery excellent. Make the visit to the dentist a pleasant experience, by creating a welcoming, comfortable and friendly environment so that people come back for treatment. Today, even health professionals have to think like entrepreneurs.



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The second option is to shift to an allied career like a medical transcriptionist (MT) or nurse. Clearly, there are optimistic forecasts that the job market for these two occupations will continue in the next decade. Ask yourself whether you have the aptitude to persist in these pursuits. For example, to become a medical transcriptionist, it would take three months of training for those who have a medical background but as much as 6 months for those without medical training. You have a good command of the English language and this is a suitable foundation for both the MT and nursing job.

Perseverance

Landing a job would not be difficult. But your drawback may be your ability to stay on the job. The MT job requires a full eight hours sitting in front of a computer, listening, encoding and checking the quality of your work. Once again, it requires persistence.

Finally, I suggest you think through what you want to be in three years time. Set yourself daily goals, taking small steps in the direction you desire. Live every present moment well. Don't allow the past with all its mistakes (if any) to prevent you from moving forward. Develop a thankful heart. Don't compare yourself with younger, more successful people. As they say, everyone marches to the beat of his own drum. Then, pray about your decision. Ask God what His design is for you. Listen to His voice within you that will guide you. Take care and have courage. You will overcome this seemingly difficult situation. (*Ms Puangco is CEO and chair of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting. Send feedback through email to* advice@ancillaedc.com.ph *or fax to 892-2902.)*

Accepting ...

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Once you start accepting others for the persons that they are (not what they have), you give yourself a room to grow. By being the sweetener or the cream in the "fruit salad" of work life, you can expect that they'll forgive you when you commit childish mistakes, easily understand when you are grouchy and in your worst moods. It's worth the effort, you know.

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BEST Attitudes

Accepting others leads to harmony

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THERE'S this line in a poster that says: "A flower is not its fragrance… a toad is not its warts." Yes, the secret of harmonious relationships in the workplace emanates from your ability to accept people around you.

Accepting others means respecting their views (and even their religions), listening to their woes and (oftentimes) wayward opinions.

Helping them out of difficult circumstances and embracing their imperfections.

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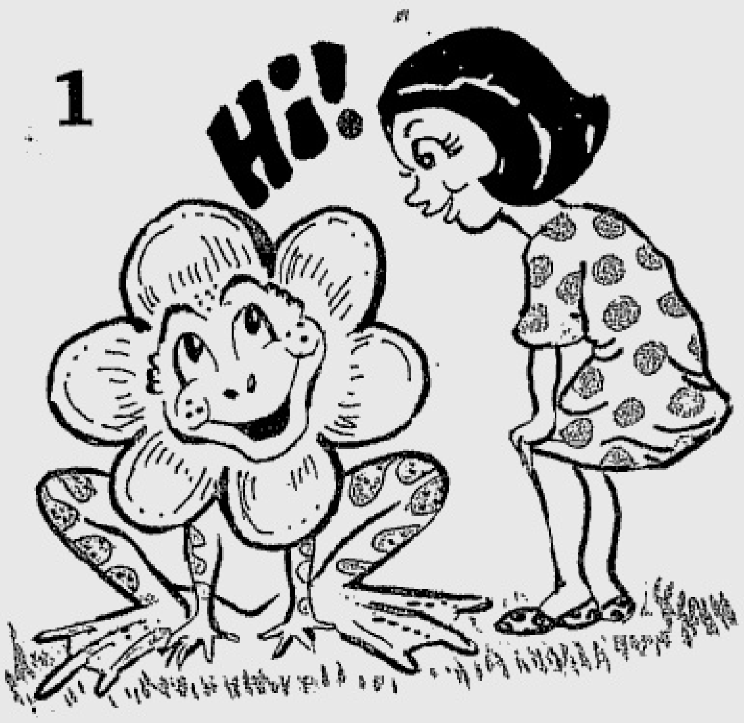

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It also means not limiting your circle of friends to only those who share your ideas. For instance, some of us prefer the company of those who always compliment our dress, makeup, views in life, etc., than the one who corrects our mistakes.

Sounds difficult, you might lament. And why not? Let's face it, the workplace can sometimes be likened to a fruit salad. You'll find complicated personalities there. Some coworkers are sweet while others, sour and hard.

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There's the domineering boss, the sarcastic janitor, the cranky messenger and the lazy secretary, to name a few. Accepting them is a tough task!

But you can try clearing the webs of negative thinking in your mind. This includes jealousy, too much sensitivity, lack of concern and superiority or inferiority complexes.

If you belong to the top ladder, don't use your position to intimidate those you think are lesser than you. If you are dissatisfied with a subordinate's behavior, accept the shortcoming and teach him by being an example.

If you have an impatient boss, take everything as a challenge where you can show him your best shot. Avoid complaining—it won't take you anywhere.

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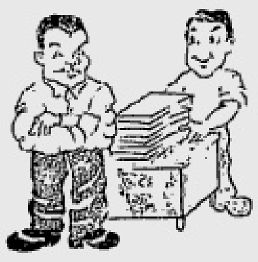

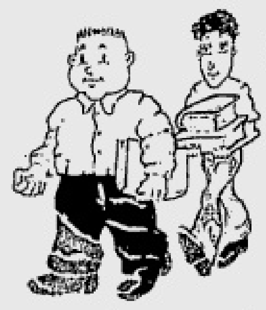

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Resist the temptation of comparing one coworker with another or with yourself. This will lead to false impressions and unfair judgments. An overweight, moody clerk, for example, may turn out to be the company's asset. So welcome the defects of others, physical or otherwise. Because it's true, nobody's really perfect. And even you commit the same blunders sometimes.

Develop a selective memory and remember only their good deeds. If one of them has disappointed you today, remember the time when he selflessly shared his shoulders for you to cry on over lunch last week. There are things about your coworkers that you cannot or find hard to change (habit, behavior, preferences, perceptions). So, why not overcome yourself

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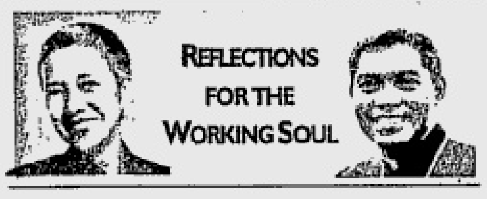
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Remaining members Pendong Aban Jr. and Lolita Carbon

By Eric S. Caruncho
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SIN's songs are like an old pair of boots: They're a little scuffed at the toes, a little worn down at the heels, a little cracked and creased from the mileage. But once you put them on, you remember all the places they've taken you, and you're ready to resume the journey.

They just feel right.

Nowhere is the timelessness of the pioneering folk-rock group's music more apparent than in "The Apl Song," a track off the Black-Eyed Peas' new album "Elephunk," currently burning up hip-hop and R & B charts worldwide. Over electronic beats, and the MC's exhortation to "check it out, y'all," the thin, ghostly tenor of Saro Bañares -now 10 years dead -intones familiar lines

Lapit mga kaibigan
At makinig kayo
Ako'y may dala-dalang balita
Galing sa bayan ko
Nais kong ipamahagi
Ang mga kuwento
At ang mga nagaganap
Sa lupang pinanguko.

Twenty-five years since they first began, Asin is still bringing the news to the heartland.

Now down to a duo, Lolita Carbon and Pendong Aban Jr. are currently celebrating their anniversary with a nationwide tour dubbed *"Ang Pambansang Konsyerto ng Pagkakaisa"* (The National Concert of Unity). Typically, the band kicked off their tour from the heartland where most of their songs originate: Mindanao. When Asin goes on the road, it really goes on the road: way off the beaten track, in places like Tubod, Lanao del Norte; Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur and Nuru-upi, Sultan Kudarat, playing in sports stadiums, town plazas, school gyms, even churches

By F4 standards, the Asin tour is primitive. There's no media hype, no marketing blitz, no TV hard-sell. Just a motorcade and someone on a megaphone announcing Asin's arrival to the locals. In one instance, recalls Aban, there were no people along the motorcade's route -just carabaos placidly chewing grass.

"From the opening motorcade, we would hear some people comment 'A, iodized *na yan!*' because

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From the heartland: Asin in the late '70s: Mike Pillora, Lolita Carbon, Cesar Bañares, Pendong Aban Jr.

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there are only two of us now and it's been so long, but once we start playing, our music still has the same impact," says Aban.

Indeed. In Dumingag, an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people showed up for the concert, some of them traveling on foot from as far away as 12 kilometers, just to see Asin.

"Our concerts haven't changed: We still do two hours, and from the first song, the people start singing along," adds Carbon. "They know all the words by heart."

There are a few differences, of course. For one thing, Aban is now 51, and Carbon is 45. There's a touch of grey in Aban's ponytail, and a few more pounds around Carbon's middle (in fact, she admits, she has two grandsons now).

"It's more challenging now," says Carbon. "Challenging because there are now three generations in our audience. The people who first started listening to us in the '70s are still there. The children they used to bring to our concerts are now grown, and they're bringing *their* children to hear us."

"We're more relaxed and we enjoy playing more," says Aban. "Not like before. *Medyo* wild *tayo noon*."

Asin had its beginnings in the folk boom of the late '70s. Born and raised in Malate, Manila, Lolita Carbon had been fronting rock'n'roll bands since her teens. The golden age of Pinoy rock had passed, however, and there were more gigs to be had in folk clubs, so she started singing in the Kola House. There, she met Cesar "Saro" Bañares, Mike Pillora and Pendong Aban Jr. They began performing as Salt of the Earth, taking their name from a Joan Baez song.

Aban and Carbon take to the road

At the time, Freddie Aguilar had struck gold with "Anak," and record executives were frantically searching for a "female Freddie Aguilar." One of them spotted Carbon at a Salt of the Earth gig, and immediately signed the band to a record deal.

Although the band, now known as Asin, did cover "Anak" on their eponymous 1978 debut album, the rest of the songs exhibited a striking originality. As musical innovators, Asin blazed the trail in many ways. They were the first to write "message" songs about the environment *("Masdan Ang Kapaligiran")*, about the Filipino diaspora (*"Pagbabalik")*, about the downtrodden salt of the earth *("Limot na Bayani")*. They were also among the first to use indigenous musical instruments *("Ang Bayan Kong Sinilangan")*. Asin would prove a seminal influence on the likes of Joey Ayala, Gary Granada and virtually every Filipino "alternative" musician that came after them.

"Our songs came from our experiences in Mindanao," says Aban, who hails from Butuan City. "Saro, who was from Cotabato, and I had seen what was happening to the forests, the illegal logging, the violence. We just wrote about what we knew."

Lesser musicians would have been crushed under the ponderous weight of such messages, but Asin also had a gift for writing simply but eloquently, and crafting indelible melodies that struck home in the Filipino heart.

The following year, Asin released a second album titled "Himig ng Pag-ibig," which yielded more hits: another environmental song *("Hangin")*, another vehicle for Lolita (the title song) and another song about Mindanao ("Balita," sampled by the Black-Eyed Peas). They were now bona fide rock stars, and acted accordingly.

"Kami lang yata ang banda na nagsusuntukan sa stage," recalls Aban. With four intense individual personalities, it was never easy being in Asin. Creative differences and financial problems led to constant arguments. Heavy drinking, the rock'n'roll lifestyle and Carbon's turbulent relationship with Bañares didn't help, either. The band went on a sabbatical, then reformed for a third album called "Himig ng Lahi," which yielded increasingly strident message songs such as "Magulang," "Payo" and "Mag-isip Ka."

Cracks were beginning to show, and it all erupted in a concert at the Parian gate in Intramuros. Exhausted from a national tour to support the album, tempers flared and Asin's set ended in a three-way onstage fistfight between Aban, Bañares and Pillora.

In the ensuing years, Asin found a modus vivendi. They would live apart, scattered throughout the archipelago, performing only for concerts and recordings. The albums from that era *("Mga Awitin ng Bayan Kong Pilipinas," "Asin sa Atubiling Panahon," "Himig Kayumanggi" and "Sinta")* found the band in a holding pattern. The songs lacked the grace and the memorable hooks of their predecessors. There were fewer hits, although no jukebox from Pagudpud to Bonggao was without its clutch of Asin singles. Asin's music had become a part of our culture, a part of us.

Then, in 1993, Saro Bañares was murdered in a barroom brawl in Cotabato. It seemed like the end of Asin. Aban had begun performing with his band, Ang Grupong Pendong. Carbon had released a couple of solo albums. But neither of them could play a set without someone requesting one of the old Asin songs.

In 2000, the remaining members decided to reform the group. Although Pillora backed out at the last minute, Carbon and Aban began writing new material and rehearsing together. The result was "Pag-ibig, Pagbabago, Pagpapatuloy," the first Asin album in 12 years. A sold-out concert in, of all places, Taipei—to a cheering crowd of OFWs—confirmed what the band suspected all along: Asin's audience had never left them.

"We've been riding motorcades for 25 years," laughs Aban.

Did they think, when they started out in 1977, that they'd last this long?

"This is my lifeline, playing music," says Carbon. "Our focus is to go on with the music. We're looking forward to another 25 years."

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'VERY INTERESTING' ISSUE

You have the best SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE this week (17 August 2003) to make me read it from cover to cover. *Ganda.* (Great). It has a concept and the issue was very interesting. It was the first time I got to read the Sunday Inquirer that way.

MARCELO ALONZO
Comics Cafe

SOME 'EMBARRASSING OBSERVATIONS'

We love any effort to further the cause of reading especially in this country where this skill and pastime remains a puzzle for most. We therefore appreciate your issue introducing to us the new winners of the 53rd Palanca Awards ("Lit's Bright New Lights," **SIM**, 7 September 2003). I would like to make some comments however:

1. Where does one get copies of these writers' works? It's quite difficult to find bookstores that carry samples of their works.Your issue should at least include the names (and addresses) of their publishers and outlets.

2. After the Palanca, is there any effort to promote or market these authors to a broader readership? Will their works end up confined in the academe, if ever?

3. Here are some embarrassing observations: Is there any survey to show that these authors are being read, much less known to general readership apart from their posting in the Sunday INQUIRER Magazine? What is the relevance of these authors to the public-at-large weaned on glossy bestsellers and romantic novels?

As far as awards go, is the Palanca just a show-performance outlet for authors who write only for themselves? What is the range of the literature of these writers? We must recall that novelists like Tolstoy wrote for his "beloved" Russian masses; his books (though thick and seemingly impenetrable at first glance) were the pulp publications of their time but they have passed the test of time and have become classics. Or, like VS Naipul, gather caustic observations of outsiders for our better understanding.

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Giving Guide

Choosing the Children

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Believe it or not, it's nearing Christmas again, and what better way to celebrate the spirit of giving than by sharing with those truly in need? SIM features non-profit groups that always appreciate any kind of help for their needy wards, or who would like to sell their products for a good cause. It is never too early to begin the season of giving to the less fortunate. Let's start now.

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Celebrities

By Tinna S. Bonifacio

ROMY HOMILLADA

ood Becomes Her

Acclaimed actress Cherrie Pie Picache talks about dealing with her unplanned pregnancy, and how her son Anton has become her joy and inspiration

"IT'S fun. Sobra! *I really think I was destined to be one," says actress Cherry Pie Picache when asked how she feels about being a mom. Watching her horse around with son Anton at the poolside of the Celebrity Sports Plaza in Quezon City, it's obvious the statement is not just something thought up by a clever publicist.*

In her first full-length print interview on the subject, Cherry Pie, one of the stars of the ABS-CBN soap "Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas" *and of the recent Star Cinema hit* "Pagsasamang Kay Ganda...Noon at Ngayon"*—spills the heretofore unknown details about her pregnancy, her son's birth, why she's chosen to remain unmarried (to businessman Gary Tria, who's so shy he declined to join the photo session) and how she found joy in becoming a mom despite not really planning it.*

SIM: This is the first time that you are talking about your personal life in print. Not telling the public or the media about your pregnancy, was that a conscious decision on your part?

Cherry Pie: Ever since I started in showbiz, I've never been the type of celebrity who likes talking about her private life. I've always insisted that even if I'm a public figure, I'm also a private person. Whenever reporters asked me about stuff like that, I always invoked my right to privacy. Not everything has to be explained to the public.

SIM: You became a mom at 31. Was that the way you wanted it?

CP: Actually, my pregnancy wasn't planned. When I found out I was pregnant, I panicked. I was in the middle of doing *"Sa Puso Ko, Iingatan Ka,"* and I was worried about my job. But what I was more worried about was how to tell my mom. You see, I come from a very conservative family, and it would have been difficult for her to accept that I was pregnant and unmarried. I waited until I was three months on the family way before I told her.

SIM: How did she react?

CP: I told my brother first. I don't have a dad anymore, and I needed someone who would back me up when I decided to tell my mom. So I said to him, "I'm going to tell you something." Turns out, he already knew!

SIM: How did that happen?

CP: He'd been noticing for some time that I had stopped smoking and drinking. He told me, "Maybe you're pregnant." At that time, I denied it. When I finally told him, he wasn't surprised.

SIM: So what was your mom's reaction when you told her?

CP: My mom took it the hardest. I've never seen her so broken-hearted in my life. When I saw her, I swore to myself that I would never hurt her that way again. I felt so guilty that I stayed away from our family dinners for four months. I didn't even talk to her until my uncle suggested that I make the first move. So one afternoon, I showed up at her house with her favorite merienda. I even wrote her a letter, explaining to her what happened and promising that I would try to make it up to her.

SIM: Did you ever think of ending the pregnancy?

CP: Yes. But that was only for a while, about three days. There were so many things to be considered before deciding to go ahead with the pregnancy or not. There were times I felt like a coward and wanted to give up. I thought of not going through with it. But I realized that the decision lay with me, and that there was only one person whom I had to please, and that was God. The decision was very easy after that. But it was the biggest test I faced.

SIM: When Anton was born, did you feel that it was all worth it?

CP: Oh yes. That's when I realized I made the right decision to go through with it. And Anton is really my angel. Things have been so good. God has been so good.

SIM: Aside from God, who helped you survive those tough times?

CP: *Tita* Cory Vidanes of ABS-CBN is one. When I told her I was pregnant, she asked, "*Gusto mo bang i-*incorporate *natin sa* story?" They even gave me six months off. Then when I came back, they gave me "*Tanging Yaman*" the series, and "*Bituin*," after which I was pulled out to do my current series, "*Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas*." But there was a condition—I had to lose weight first!

SIM: How did you do it?

CP: I went on a no-rice diet for two months. And I played tennis everyday. I used to weigh 140 pounds, but now I'm down to 130. But my goal is to get it down to 115. I know it's not healthy, but it helps that we always stay up late shooting. Sometimes, we tape for 24-26 hours straight, every other day. Then when I come home, I don't sleep right away. If Anton is awake, I spend some time playing with him first.

SIM: So having a son has changed your life a lot?

CP: Yes. My social life is totally zero. Before, I could never understand my married friends when I'd invite them to go out, and they'd say "I can't, I have to go home to my kid." Now I do. I realized that's how it is when you're a mother. I don't even answer my text messages right away. I wait, then answer them all at the same time. I don't want anything intruding on my time with Anton, especially text!

SIM: Why have you and Gary not gotten married?

CP: It's not because I'm not proud of what I've done or anything. Since the pregnancy was unplanned, we didn't think of marriage at the time. But I want to make it clear that I believe so much in the sanctity of marriage, which is another reason why I'm not rushing into it. I'm not saying it's okay to have a child and not be married. I just have to process some things before I'm ready.

SIM: But you have talked about it?

CP: We talked about it, but our immediate concern was the child. Fortunately, our parents aren't pressuring us to get married yet. They're so happy with Anton, I think they've forgotten about it!

SIM: What have you learned from your experience?

CP: I'm not a religious person, but I'm very spiritual. I know that it was God who gave me the strength to go through this. What have I learned? That if something happens to you and you feel you can't take it, just surrender it to God. You have to have total trust and total surrender. Because the more you have faith in God, the more you will be tested.

SIM: Do you consider yourself unconventional?

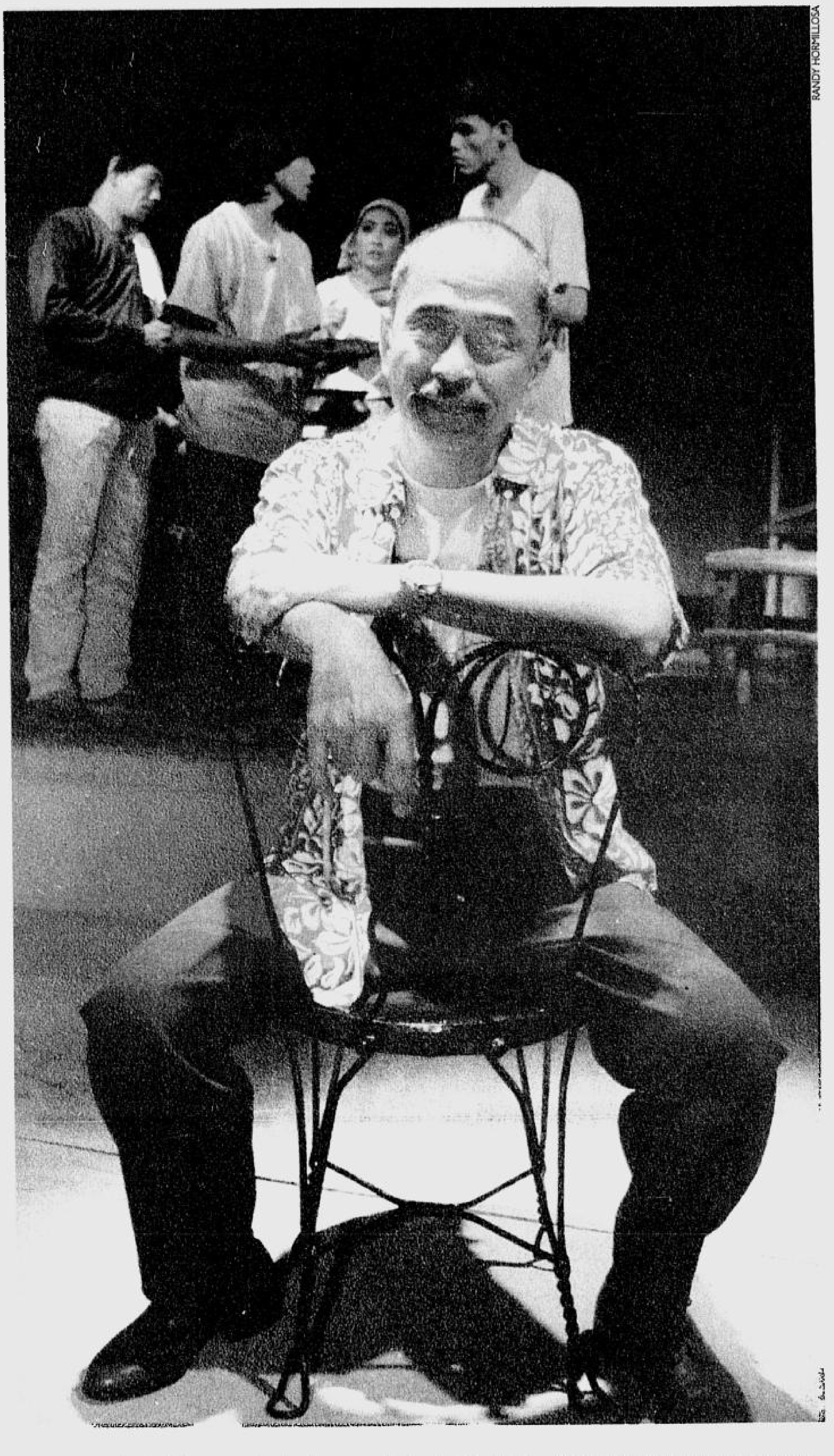
CP: In a way, maybe. I always do what I want, like when I decided to become an actress. I've always followed my heart. Then when I became an actress, I wanted to be known as a good actress, to prove I made the right choice. I want to be that way in everything I do.

Survivors' Tales

By Pennie Azarcon dela Cruz

Still Committed After All These Years

Martial law gave award-winning writer-director Boni Ilagan enough material for socially-relevant plays. But some 30 lean years and two arrests later, he's not about to lay down his potent pen



RANDY HORMILLOSA

HE was named after Andres Bonifacio, the Great Plebeian whose birthday he shares, but that's not why award-winning playwright-director Bonifacio Ilagan continues to write socially-relevant plays these past 33 years.

"I guess writing such stuff is already part of me, *yun na ako*," says Ilagan, 51. "I can write commercial pieces but I can't abandon the theater of struggle. To my mind, my worth as an artist lies in writing plays that inspire people to act on their plight," adds this recently-elected co-chair of the Foundation for Intercultural Performing Arts (FIPA) in Singapore.

Like most Filipino youth who came of age in the late '60s, Boni joined secret student organizations at UP Los Baños where he finished high school. At UP Diliman where he had planned to take up law, it was easy enough to be sucked into the ferment that marked the initial term of then President Marcos. "Without knowing it, I was being drawn from the classroom into the streets," he recalls.

The call of the stage proved irresistible, adds Boni, because it provided him an allowance and free tuition. "I joined the mobile theater of Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero to help out my family," says this second of four siblings. As a young man, his father had stowed away on a ship bound for the US and eventually found work as an apple picker, a dishwasher and later, a US Navy man. Recounts Boni: "He was a US *pensyonado*, so every time I joined rallies at the US Embassy, he would remonstrate, *'Di mo ba alam, iyan ang bumubuhay sa atin?'* (Why do you bite the hand that feeds us?)"

But everything fell into place when he joined the theater group. Even his looks proved providential. Says Boni, "I had expected to be given an audition but Freddie (Guerrero) gave me a once-over and said, 'Okay, you're in.' My first role was that of a *muchacho* (male domestic). I found out later that he gave me that role because I looked like one!"

Boni later formed his own theater group, Panday-Sining, in 1970, and became more deeply involved in the people's movement. He went underground when the writ of habeas corpus was suspended in 1971, but was arrested three years later, in 1974. Tortured with other detainees, among them poet Pete Lacaba, Boni got the attention of Amnesty International which cited his case as a prime example of the worsening human rights situation under martial law. He was charged with rebellion and subversion before a military commission but was released in 1976.

Ironically, his experience in detention had left him unprepared for his younger sister's fate. Named after Rizal because they had the same birth date, Rizalina Ilagan was meeting with other students and teachers from Southern Luzon at the Makati Medical Center when they were picked up by the military in 1977.

"I had just been released when I heard about it," says Boni. "I wasn't worried at first because I thought she would undergo what I had experienced—detention, some torture perhaps and eventual release. But when we started looking for her in all the military camps and they kept denying having the group in custody, we got alarmed. Their case became known as the Southern Tagalog 10, the biggest group to disappear during the martial law years."

When the bodies of three of her companions were found, Boni knew his sister might have been similarly salvaged. "Later, when I found out that the soldiers who arrested them were from the same team that raped and tortured activist Adora Faye de Vera, we realized that's it, we'd never see Rizalina again. And she was only 23."

That was his worst memory of martial law, says Boni, but not his last brush with authorities. He went underground again in 1987 and was arrested in 1994 for illegal possession of firearms, a case that was later dropped for lack of evidence.

His arrests, Boni muses, may have to do with "organizing and theater work," but he refuses to see them as the price he had to pay for his art. "All I know is that there is a need to write on a specific issue for a specific audience."

Some critics might consider his work as less of art and more of propaganda, and it is, concedes this Palanca award-winning writer. "It is propaganda in the sense that everything is propaganda. But propaganda for whom and for what cause?" Boni asks. "Even apolitical artists write propaganda. They either reinforce the values of the status quo or help raise questions about the set-up. There is no way that artists can avoid serving a specific end."

In the same manner, no artist or propagandist can avoid going commercial once in a while, if only to survive, and Boni is no exception. He has written or megged for several TV talk shows and teleseries, among them "Boracay," *"Isumbong Mo Kay Tulfo,"* episodes of *"Maalaala Mo Kaya"* and "SOP," the *"Bisperas ng Kasaysayan"* series and lately, "Nora Mismo," a one-hour weekly public service show hosted by Nora Aunor. Boni also co-wrote with Ricky Lee "The Flor Contemplacion Story" starring Nora Aunor, which won the 1996 best screenplay award from the Film Academy of the Philippines.

Such work have sustained him as well at times when he felt burnt out, battle-weary or broke, he says. Admittedly, Boni adds, socially-relevant plays do not attract a paying audience, and there is the pressure to support a growing family composed of five children ages 8 to 26. "I know I have to get a more stable job, but the pressures of writing for the movement always get the better of me. It's a good thing that my wife is an activist too and understands my dilemma." They get by on loans from his sister, he says.

On the other hand, despite its meager prospects, street theater has its own rewards, says Boni. "I felt vindicated when I was named one of the 100 Cultural Center of the Philippines Centennial Honor for the Artist Awardees in 1999. But I was also amused; to think that it would be the State that would be the first to recognize what I've done!"

Still, the most palpable recognition for a theater artist remains the spontaneous applause from the audience, he says. Which is why he considers his *"Pagsambang Bayan"* as his most significant play.

"Shortly after my release in '76, I was approached by the National Council of Churches to do a liturgical play for them," says Boni. "In Philippine theater, it was the first bold attempt to say something definitive about martial law. Before that, *puro pahaging lang* (everything was merely hinted at). In *'Pagsambang Bayan,'* human rights violations, dictatorship and state violence were tackled."

It was his most memorable play, he says. "The reaction from the audience was electric," he recalls. "People were cheering, shouting and wildly applauding. I've never felt so elated in all my years as a playwright." He credits directors Behn Cervantes and Leo Rimando for the play's success but adds that the play "led to Behn's arrest and that of musical director Susan Tagle, who used to be Fernando Poe Jr.'s manager."

Boni hopes to stir as much fervor with his latest work, two plays based on labor leader, poet and National Artist Amado V. Hernandez's short stories: "*Langaw sa Isang Basong Tubig*" and "*Panata ng Isang Lider*." The plays will tour schools and nearby provinces starting this month. Although the plays tackle the substantial issues of social injustice and labor unrest, Boni says he has applied the commercial conventions of tele- and "chinovelas" in his latest directorial job. "The plays are fast-paced but I have retained much of the text of *Ka* Amado."

Boni, who takes care of assorted pets—chickens, pigeons, rabbits—when he's not wielding his potent pen, says he will keep writing committed literature, if only to feel this "very personal and immediate interaction with the community" who take the performances one step further by getting organized. His writing, he adds, "must be in the womb of the people's movement for it to exist and find its worth."

"Langaw sa Isang Basong Gatas" and "Panata ng Isang Lider" *will be staged on Sept. 27 at the Roces Science & Technology High School at Roces Ave., QC; Oct. 1 at UP Theater, Diliman; Oct. 4 and 5 at the Rogationist College of Silang, Cavite; Oct. 19 at the Elliptical Road, QC; Oct. 25 at the Montalban Community; Nov. 8 at Payatas, QC, and Nov. 23 at the Dapitan Sports Complex, Sampaloc. For more information, contact the Amado V. Hernandez Resource Center at telefax 421-9427.*

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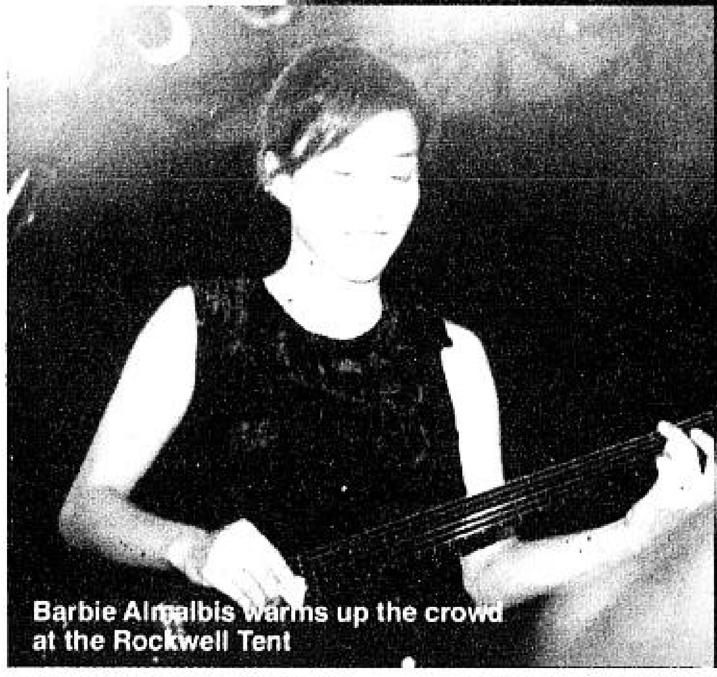
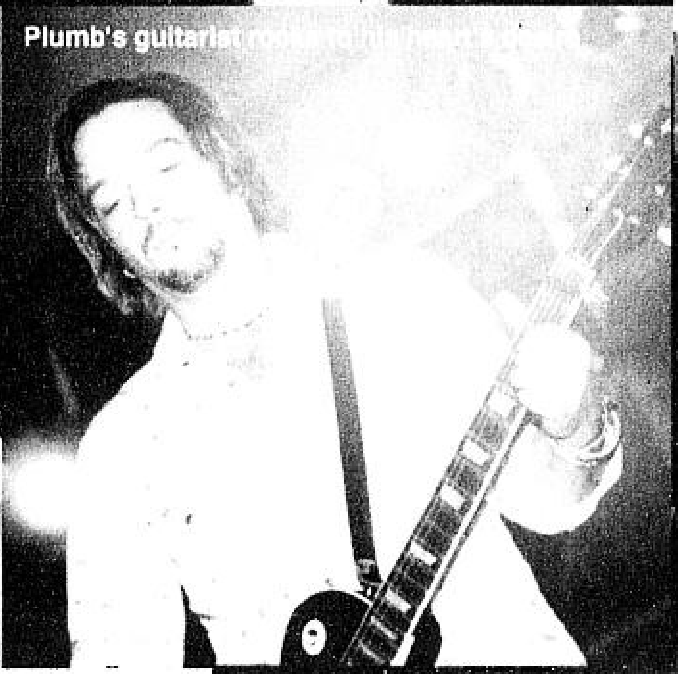

Barbie Almalbis warms up the crowd at the Rockwell Tent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Everything heated up when Concert King Martin Nievera performed the only way he could at Onstage Greenbelt for the Martin Nievera Concert Series for these September dates: 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27. Lucky SMART subscribers and SIM swappers at the SMART Wireless Center at SMART Tower in Makati, Greenbelt 1, Podium, Virra Mall, and Alabang Town Center availed of free tickets until September 10, 2003. SMART subscribers grooved to the sounds of Manolet Dario at North Bar in Bacolod City last September 6. By presenting their SMART celfone at the entrance, they got in free! Early bird SMART subscribers at The Venue in Davao City got to watch True Faith's brand of power pop for free on September 13.

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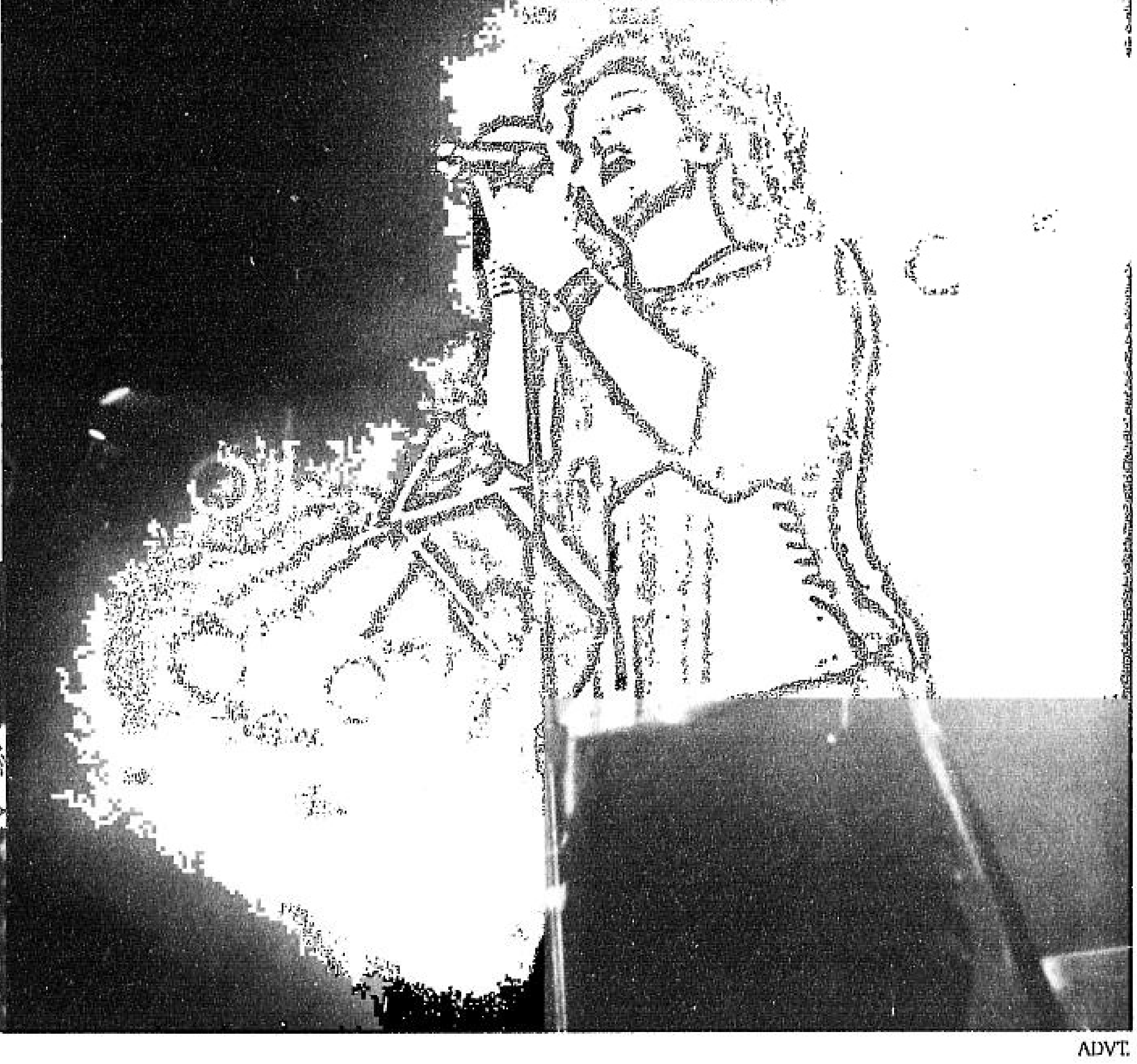

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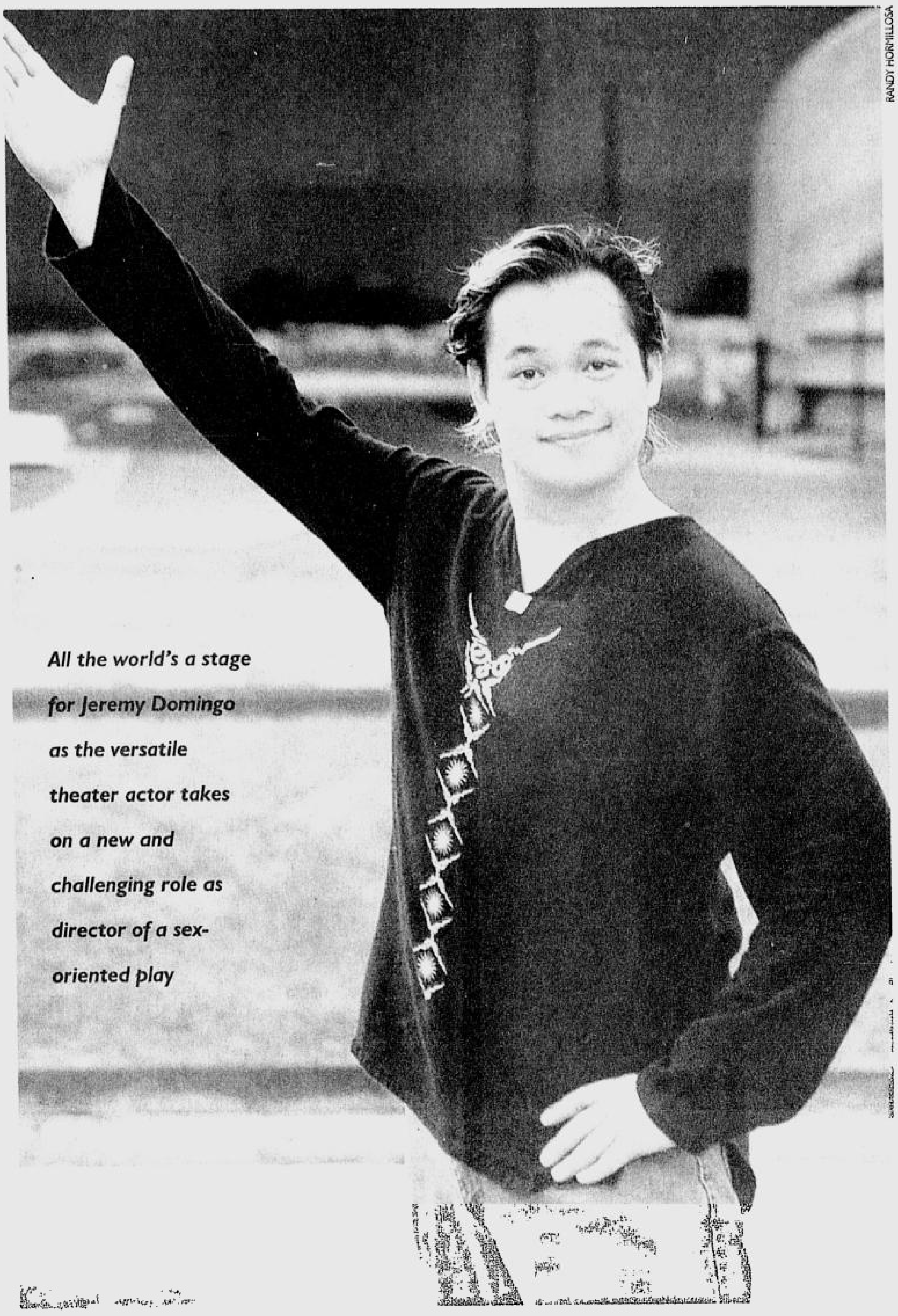
Theater Tales

By Joy Rojas

Charting a New Direction



RANDY HORMILLOSA

All the world's a stage for Jeremy Domingo as the versatile theater actor takes on a new and challenging role as director of a sex-oriented play

ALTHOUGH he's often cast in roles that call for "a big guy with a big voice," 32-year-old theater actor Jeremy Domingo is just as comfortable filling other character's shoes. He has tackled roles in such classics as "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Othello," and "The Importance of Being Ernest," contemporary drama ("Dinner with Friends," "Amy's View," "Old Times") and every genre in between.

"I've been given the chance to stretch," says the strapping and boyish Domingo, who has also appeared in comedies, Broadway musicals and innovative thrillers. "But I still have a few dream roles left."

One of them is playing director. While his official debut was directing "The Diary of Anne Frank" for an events-oriented group called Emmaus in 1997, Domingo's current helming of Arthur Schnitzler's "La Ronde" for Theater Now, the experimental arm of Gantimpala Theater Foundation, is his first for a major company. Needless to say, he needed little coaxing to accept the offer. "If I hesitated," he laughs, "it probably lasted about three seconds!"

The actor's enthusiasm is understandable. Written by the Austrian playwright at the turn of the century, "La Ronde" is regarded as the theater equivalent of Sigmund Freud's writings on human behavior and sexuality. The 10-vignette play on the events leading to, and happening after, the sexual act is as much an audience shocker today as it was 100 years ago. (Nicole Kidman caught everyone's attention when she starred in the modernized version of the play called "The Blue Room.")

Professionally, "La Ronde" stands as a culmination of sorts for Domingo who has polished his performing chops in over 70 plays in the last 13 years. Personally, the play is an eye-opener for someone whose mentors include noted stage directors Zeneida Amador, Baby Barredo, Miguel Faustmann, Tony Mabesa, Anton Juan, Tony Espejo and Jonas Sebastian.

"Yes, and now I'm wondering how they could have put up with someone like me!" says Domingo with a laugh when asked if his new role as director has helped him better understand his former mentors. "It's really different when you're seeing things from the outside," he says, adding that he now realizes that directing "requires a lot of management, delegation and foresight."

Being an actor certainly helps "because it makes me sympathetic to what the performers are going through," as is directing a cast composed of contemporaries from Repertory Philippines, Gantimpala and other theater companies. A stickler for details, Domingo makes it a point to meet with his actors before rehearsals and after, "when we discuss and analyze for hours what we had just done. I'm blessed with a cast that gives me so much insight."

Make no mistake, though: Working with close friends does not make Domingo any less demanding as a director. "I do expect quite a lot from them, because I'm putting a lot of pressure on myself," he says. "I want to present the play in the most creative and exciting way possible." He has incorporated the element of dance "as a connecting link between scenes," but otherwise, the director remains faithful to the script as well as to Schnitzler's timeless and universal themes. Summing up "La Ronde's" message, he says, "We'll do anything to get what we don't have, but once we get it, we don't want it anymore."

Such, however, cannot be said of Domingo, who has maintained a fierce passion for movies and music since he was three. The younger of two boys, this son and brother of career diplomats credits the family's constant travels for his ability to essay different accents and personalities, skills that would eventually serve him well. Today, modern media is both work and play for him. When he isn't taping radio commercials or his spiels as the signature voice-over announcer for Studio 23, the former video jock of CTV 31 and current presenter of the Disney Channel's "Playhouse Disney" is forever glued to the tube. "I have a collection of movie classics in DVD," he says, "and I'm also a '*CSI*' and '*24*' junkie."

But theater, Domingo says, whether it's acting or directing, will remain a constant in his career. "It's the fountain of youth," he declares. "It's exciting, challenging and it allows you to constantly redefine yourself. And because it's the simplest and most basic form of entertainment, theater will always transcend all forms of trend and technology."

"La Ronde" goes onstage on September 26 (Friday, 8 p.m.), September 27 (Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8 p.m.) and September 28 (Sunday, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) at the St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College, Vito Cruz, Manila. Call the Theater Now office at tels. 899-5745 and 896-3503 for more information.

The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

The Spirituality and Art of Coming Down

Climbing the ladder of success leaves us feeling more lonely, stressed out and sick. But coming down is journeying with others in fellowship and faith

AFTER their long journey to Capernaum, Jesus casually said to his disciples, "I noticed that you were arguing among yourselves while on our way here. What were you debating about?"

The usually argumentative disciples suddenly had nothing to say. They must have been blushing with embarrassment. The evangelist Mark said (Mk. 9:34), "... because the disciples had been arguing who, among them, was to be the greatest (highest) in the Kingdom."

That sounds familiar. That sounds like us in politics, in business, in entertainment, even in media and religion today. We step all over one another, demolish one another if possible, to get to the top. We keep climbing the ladder of "success" by acquiring *Pera*, Power and Popularity (PPP)—anything that would push us on top of everybody else. Politicians, entertainers, businessmen, even churchmen are all in the rat race. Those whose ambition is to push themselves up, up and away from the rest of us, as a result, become more lonely, more sacred, more stressed out, burnt out, very angry and sick.That's what we get for joining the rat race, doctors tell us.

But coming down is something else. It is actually going back to the roots of your humanity and touching base with what is most vulnerable in yourself, and offering it as a source of hope and healing for those who are suffering and journeying with you in fellowship and faith. Those obsessed with the compulsion of going up do not experience fellowship and solidarity because all they are thinking of in the process of going up is how to elbow out whoever gets in the way.

Coming down, on the contrary, is pitching your tent among the poor and the weak and taking their side against those who belittle and oppress them. Coming down means knowing what it is to be broken and emptied. It is letting go and letting God do with you whatever He deems best for you at the moment. Coming down and letting go are acts of faith, a gift that can be received only in prayer. This attitude of coming-down-and-letting-go sets you free from all compulsions of greed, envy, anguish, arrogance, fear and all that can cause migraine, peptic ulcer, insomnia, premature wrinkles and a nasty temper.

The "coming down" way of life is the way of Jesus. It is the way of "being with Jesus" and "becoming Jesus." It is a new way of being Church in the world today. It is the only way to become a tree, bearing fruits of wisdom, freedom, joy, empowerment, a new fullness and a new life. It is what being a sensible and credible Christian is all about. It's exciting! Try it today.

Listen again:

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk. 9:34)

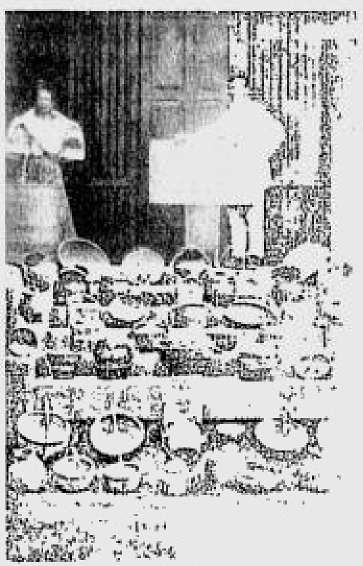
In his second letter to the Philippians, St. Paul described the "going down" of Jesus, "who, being God, came down" to become a part of suffering humanity, emptying himself even to the point of death as the poorest of the poor.

This Week

Art

Figures and Flowers, Roland Delos Santos' solo exhibit capturing the grandeur of the human body and the serenity of floral motifs, on view at Gallery 139, 3L, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City until Sept. 24.

Pinto Art Gallery in Antipolo City features four edgy exhibitions by contemporary artists **Wire Tuazon, Salvador Alonday, Riel Hilario, David Lantz and Yasmin Almonte** until Sept. 26. For details, call 697-1015.



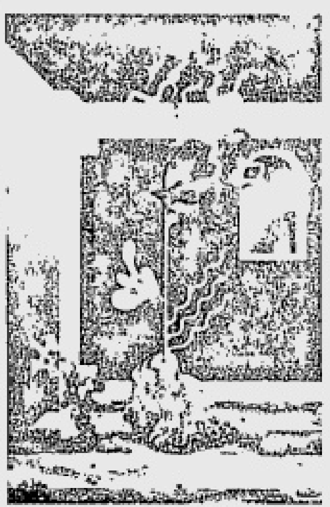
Photography by Jonathan Best, from the Moro Campaigns exhibit

Ongoing until Sept. 28 at the CCP Tanghalang Huseng Batute is Anton del Castillo's solo exhibit, **Mutiny**, featuring paintings whose appearances change with the use of black lights.

The Metaphors of Dreams and Existence, a one-man exhibit by Danny Castillones Sillada, until Sept. 29 at the Ayala Museum, G/F, Makati Stock Exchange Building, Makati City.

New York 1983-Philippines 2003: Twenty Years of Paintings features a selection of Spanish painter Gines Serran Pagan's recent abstractions made of mixed media on canvas, until Sept. 30 at Galleria Duemila, The Artwalk, 4L, SM Megamall A.

On view at the National Museum (T. Valencia Cirle, Rizal Park, Manila) until Sept. 30 are three exhibits namely, **The Moro Campaigns: Images of America's Untold War**, a photography exhibit from the collection of Braulio L. Agudelo, **Art Moves**, paintings and sculpture, and **Behind Camera Lens**, another photo exhibit from the collections of Jonathan Best, John Silva and the Thurlow family. For inquiries, call 527-0278.



"The Metaphors of Rock" by Danny Castillones Sillada at the Ayala Museum

Music

The Coro San Benildo is having a concert titled **Serenade** at the CSB Theater, Sept. 25, 3 and 6 p.m. and Sept. 26, 6 p.m. Chris Borela conducts.

The Cultural Center of the Philippines presents the **third concert of the Filipino Artists Series 2003-2004** featuring soprano Margarita Yulo-Gomez on Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (Little Theater). Gomez will be performing J. Haydn's "Scena di Berenice," J. Canteloube's "Chants d'Auvergne," X. Montsalvatge's "Cinco Canciones Negras," J. Carter's "Cantata" and N. Abelardo's "*Nasaan Ka Irog?*," "*Bituing Marikit*" and "*Mutya ng Pasig*." For tickets, call 551-7930, 832-3878 and 832-1125 loc. 1802.

Cinema

Twenty-six remarkable full-length feature films and documentaries from Australia will be shown at the **1st Australian Film Festival** ongoing until Sept. 28 at Greenbelt 1, UP Film Center and Theater for the Performing Arts at the Ayala Center in Cebu City. The festival features other award-winning films such as "The Dish," "Floating Life," "Innocence," "Kiss or Kill," "Love Serenade," "Radiance" and "Siam Sunset." Admission is free to screenings at the UP Film Center and Ayala Center in Cebu. Screenings in Greenbelt 1 are priced at P30. For the full schedule of screenings, log on to www.austrade.com.ph or call 757-8173 and 757-8135.

Onstage

Gantimpala Theater Foundation's Theatre Now presents Arthur Schnitzler's controversial play, ***La Ronde***, on Sept. 26 (8 p.m.), Sept. 27 (10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.), and Sept. 28 (10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.) at the St. Cecilia's Hall of St. Scholastica's College, Vito Cruz, Manila. For group bookings and sponsorships, call 899-5745 and 899-3503.

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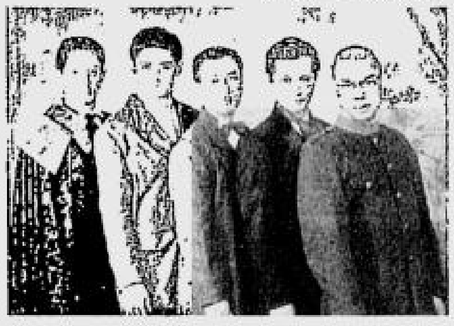
TeamAsia, a strategic marketing and communications firm, will conduct **seminars on cutting costs and enhancing cash flow** on Sept. 23 and managing and leveraging intellectual assets on Sept. 24 at RCBC Plaza in Makati City. For details, call 876-5200.

The Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication will offer a **tutorial course on Web-Writing** on Sept. 26-27 at the AIJC conference room, Annapolis Wilshire Plaza, Annapolis St., Greenhills, San Juan. The course will teach attendees to write useful, usable, and appealing web content, rewrite text messages according to new guidelines, learn how to double a website's usability and insure that key messages are communicated. For details, call Virgie at 724-4564 / 724-4604.

The Catholic Women's Club will hold its **annual dinner dance** dubbed "The Heat is On in Saigon" at the ballroom of Mandarin Oriental, Manila on Sept. 26 for the benefit of various charitable institutions. For ticket reservations, call 897-8212 or 890-6206.

The Ultimate Wedding and Debut Fair Year 2, a one-stop shop of the country's top wedding and debut suppliers, to be held at Megatrade Hall 3 of SM Megamall on Sept. 27-28. Activities include live musical performances from wedding instrumentalists, a hair and make-up demo, a cake decoration and table-setting contest and a grand fashion show featuring the latest wedding creations of Manila's hottest fashion designers. For inquiries, call 404-0474 and 303-0906.



Cast members from GTF's "La Ronde"

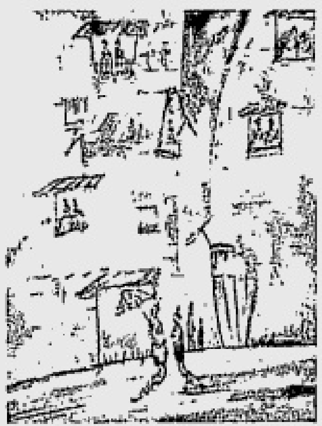
The Hari Om Tat Sat Hermitage will conduct a **Reiki First Degree intensive training-seminar** on Sept. 27, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UP College of Nursing, 2/F Seminar Room, Pedro Gil St., Manila. Fee is P2,500 inclusive of meals, materials and certificate. For details, call Maddie Gallaga at 726-1007.

The Cultural Center of the Philippines is now **calling for entries to the 17th CCP Independent Film and Video Competition** on February 10-13, 2004. Period for submission of entries is Oct. 15 to Dec. 12. There will be four categories each for film and video, namely, Short Feature, Experimental, Documentary and Animation. All entries, which may be in 16mm, 35mm film or VHS, VCD, DVD and mini-DV for video must be strictly independent works and not produced for commercial screenings. Cash prizes will be given to the winners. For details, call 832-1125 local 1704.

Russell Crowe appears in "The Sum of Us," part of the First Australian Film Festival

Centered Yoga founder and director Paul Dallaghan will be in Manila on Sept. 29 for a week-long series of Mysore self-practice and led classes, and a three-day **Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga workshop** on Oct. 1-4 in Batangas. The weekend workshop is open and suitable to all levels. Beginners will learn a solid foundation and those already practicing will have a chance to go deeper and work on areas requiring focus. For reservations, call the Sai Shanti Yoga Sanctuary at 0917-6218104.

The Society of Portrait Photographers of the Philippines will hold **Basic and Beyond Photography workshops** for students, professionals and photography enthusiasts. The basic photo course will be held on Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and 11 at the Product Development and Design Center Phils., CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City; Digital Photography on Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and 12; Wedding Photography on Oct. 18 and 25, and Portraiture on Oct. 19 and 26. For pre-registration, look for Marsha at Fujifilm Image Service Center, Studio Room, SM Megamall Basement or Beth at Once Upon a Lifetime Digital Studio, Unit 1010 (tel. 806-1346).



***"Magkapitbahay II"* by Anthony Fermin, on exhibit at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino**

The Philippine Postal Corp. launched a **nationwide stamp design contest** with the theme "Ang Batang Pinoy Laban sa Droga." Elementary and high school students from public and private schools nationwide are allowed to submit entries made on a white illustration board. The artwork should be in a vertical format size 8 3/4 inches x 11 1/2 inches. The artwork must be accompanied by a write-up or interpretation of the theme and design. It must be typewritten in an A4 size bond paper and should not be less than 100 words. Artworks done manually using crayons, pastel or watercolor shall be preferable. However, computer-generated artworks shall also be accepted. The name and address of the designer together with the name of the school should be attached at the back of the illustration board. The design shall not incorporate postage stamp theme, or the numbers representing the denomination or year of issue. Entries must be placed in a brown envelope and must be submitted by registered or domestic express mail to: National Postage Stamp Design Contest Committee, Marketing and Business Development, Philippine Postal Corporation, 1000 Liwasang Bonifacio, 1000 Manila. Entries must reach the contest committee by Sept. 30.

On Oct. 4, in time for St. Francis Day, animals and their owners may gather at the Edsa Shrine for the **blessing of animals**. The Mass and blessing will be celebrated by Bishop Socrates Villegas at 12:15 p.m. Registration starts at 11 a.m. There will also be free treats for the animals when they come early. Please keep your pets on leash at all times. For details, call 841-0912 and 867-4506.

Seafarers are invited to a forum on the proposed **Magna Carta for Filipino Seafarers** on Sept. 26, at 1 p.m., at the International Seafarers Action Center (ISAC) conference hall, Rm. 601, Fil Garcia Tower, 140 Kalayaan Ave. cor. Mayaman St., Diliman, QC. Admission is free. For more information, please call Capt. Anthony Dan Ogbinar at 920-7433 and 920-7481.

X-manila

Anthony Fermin holds a one-man exhibit at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino until Oct. 18 in cooperation with the Syano Artlink.

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Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

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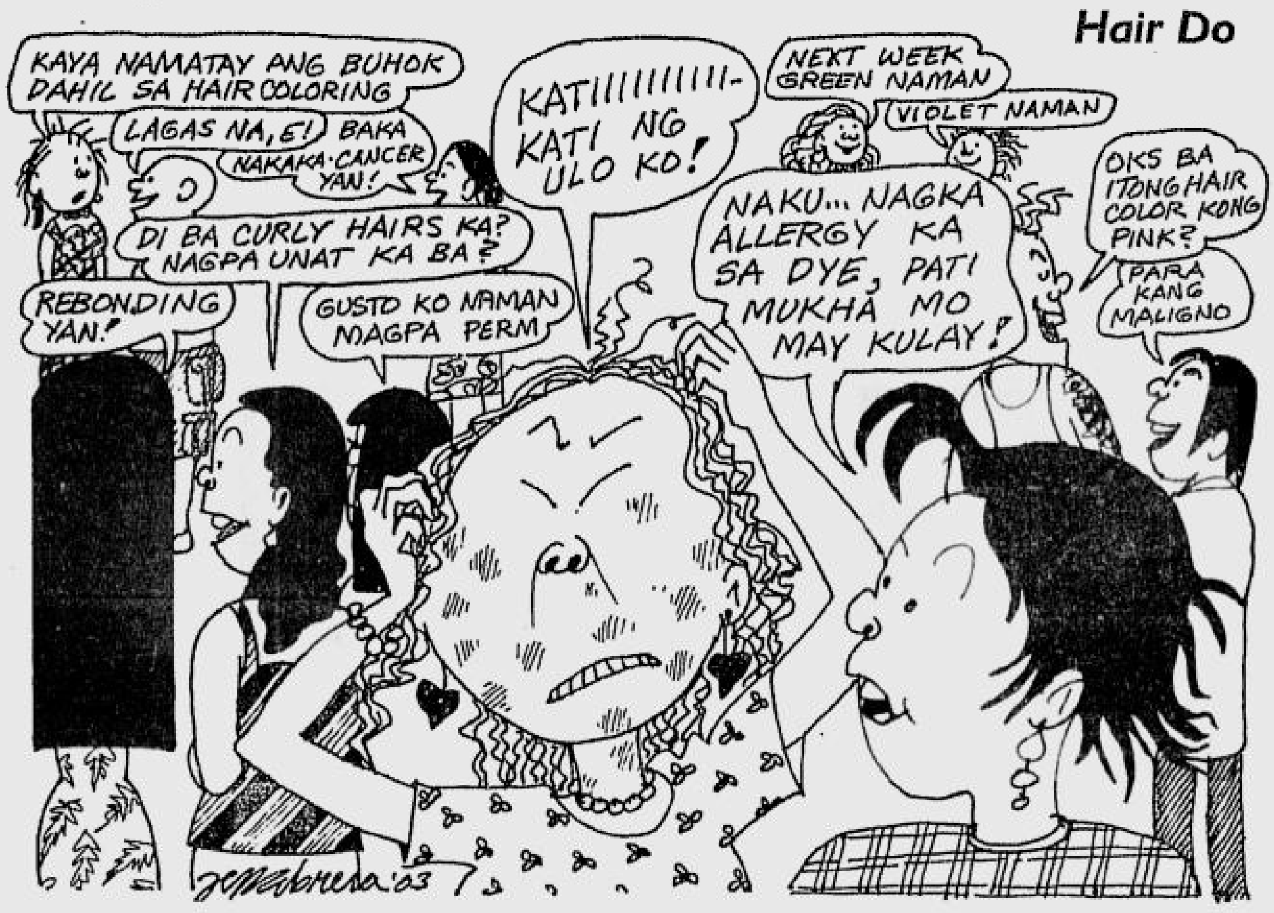
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BAKA NAKAKA-CANCER YAN!
DI BA CURLY HAIRS KA? NAGPA UNAT KA BA?
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GUSTO KO NAMAN MAGPA PERM
KATI!!!!!!!!!!-KATI NG ULO KO!
NEXT WEEK GREEN NAMAN
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NAKU... NAGKA ALLERGY KA SA DYE, PATI MUKHA MO MAY KULAY!
OKS BA ITONG HAIR COLOR KONG PINK?
PARA KANG MALIGNO
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Magic Men

Efren Reyes and the Pinoy pool stars were already wowing the world in 1993

The first time Efren "Bata" Reyes showed the world his magic moves at the pool table, Billiards Digest was quick to praise the Filipino and dubbed him as "the most dangerous and versatile cue handler in the world."

The cover subject of SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE's November 7, 1993 issue and the rest of the Philippine Billiards National Team had then just come back from The World Team Billiards championship in Las Vegas. The RP team under his leadership brought home the championship and the prestige of being the best in the world. In this issue, the shy Pampangueño talked about his humble beginnings; from sleeping on top of a pool table to finally making it big in the local billiards scene. His talent earned him the honor of getting invited to Malacañang, not to mention a lot of money. But Efren is not the type to forget where he started. Ten years later, Efren takes his magic touch from the pool table to the movie screen, starring with Fernando Poe, Jr., in "Pakners." To top things off, Efren is a living example of the trade secret to success: "You don't need symphonies and masterpieces to claim the world title. You need poor boys who dream great, magical dreams." Also on the cover were current world-beaters Rodolfo Luat, Django Bustamante, manager Roland Vicente and Leonardo Andam.

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